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M. W. GRAND LODGE

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Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Held at Vancouver, on Saturday, November 26th, 1892, and
at New Westminster, on Tuesday,
December, 27th, 1892.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held at Victoria, B. C., commencing on Thursday, the 22nd
day of June, 1893, A. L. 5893.

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Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

I, WALTER J. QUINLAN, Grand Secretary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Special Communication held at the City of Vancouver, B. C., on Saturday, November 26th, 1892, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the First Presbyterian Church; and Special Communication held at New Westminster, B. C., on Tuesday, 27th December, 1892, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Temple of New Westminster; and the Annual Communication commenced in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, June 22nd, 1893, and terminated on June 24th, 1893, and of returns of Subordinate Lodges, together with other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, at the office of the Grand Secretary, in the Masonic Temple, City of Victoria, this 10th day of July, in the year of light, five thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

W. J. Quinlan
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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
Grand Lodge of British Columbia

HELD AT
THE CITY OF VANCOUVER,
SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 5892.

PRESENT.

Bro. Wm. Downie.....	M.: W.: Grand Master.
" Wm. Manson.....	as R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master.
" Peter Grant	" Grand Senior Warden.
" Robt. B. McMicking	" Junior Warden.
" Rev. E. D. McLaren	V.: W.: Grand Chaplain.
" Gabriel Thomas	as Grand Treasurer.
" Walter J. Quinlan	" Grand Secretary.
" Henry Hoy.....	as W.: Grand Supt. Works.
" George Morrow.....	as Senior Deacon.
" J. McCreary.....	as Junior Deacon.
" John Buie.....	as D. of Ceremonies.
" Lacey R. Johnson.....	as Marshall.
" W. O. Miller.....	as Pursuivant.
" C. Z. Perry.....	as Steward.
" H. A. Berry.....	as Steward.
" Geo. Shelton.....	as Tyler.

Together with Past Masters and members of Mount Hermon Lodge,
No. 7; Union Lodge, No. 9; Cascade Lodge, No. 12, and others.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2:30
o'clock p. m., by the M. W. Grand Master, who then re-
quested the V. W. Grand Secretary to read a copy of
summons by virtue of which this Special Communication
was convened.

The purport of the Communication was to lay with

Masonic honors the corner stone of the First Presbyterian Church of the City of Vancouver. The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to form the procession, which, headed by the Vancouver City Band, proceeded to the site of the intended structure.

The ceremony of Laying the Corner stone was then conducted according to ancient custom.

In the cavity of the stone were deposited, sealed in a tin box, the following:—

- Historical Statement of the First Presbyterian Church.
- Constitution of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.
- List of Officers of Grand Lodge.
- List of Workmen who wrought on the building.
- List of Church Members and the Committee of Management.
- A Copy of the day's proceedings and copies of the Daily Newspapers.

The box being duly deposited the Rev. Mr. Maxwell pastor of the Church presented the M. W. Grand Master on behalf of the Congregation a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, with which to conduct the solemn ceremony.

The Corner stone was then lowered into position, the officers applied their respective implements, and pronounced it "true and trusty."

The M. W. Grand Master spread the mortar and according to established custom the stone was laid and duly consecrated. Brief addresses were delivered by the Grand Master and others.

The procession reformed and returned to the Lodge room. After thanking the brethren for the large attendance, the M. W. Grand Master closed Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM; and it was so proclaimed.

W. J. QUINLAN,
Grand Secretary

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
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HELD AT

THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

TUESDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, A. L. 5893.

(ST. JOHN'S DAY.)

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Downie.....	Grand Master.
M. W. Bro. P.G.M. J. S. Olute.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Peter Grant.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. B. Kelley.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
V. W. Bro. Rev. E. D. McLaren.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. B. Douglas.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. C. Z. Perry.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. Lacy R. Johnson.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. R. Craig.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. McAllister.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. H. Hoy.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. D. B. Charleson.....	as Grand D. of Cermonies.
W. Bro. J. Buie.....	as Grand Marshall.
W. B. R. J. Rickman.....	as Grand Organist.
V. Bro. W. O. Miller.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. J. R. Foster.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. J. B. Johnson.....	as Grand Steward.
V. Bro. G. A. Dow.....	Grand Tyler.

Together with brethren from Cascade Lodge, No. 12; Mt. Hermon No. 7; Ashlar Lodge, No. 3; Union, No. 9; King Solomon, No. —, also from Maine, Vermont, St Paul, Minn.; Sydney, N. S. W.; London, Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph, Ontario, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Banff, Medicine Hat, N. W. T.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM in the new Temple at 20-25 by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who

stated the purpose of the gathering, when R. W. Bro. Manson D. D. G. M. on behalf of the brethren of Union, No. 9 presented the Grand Master with a very handsome Gavel made from teak taken from the S. S. "Beaver," the first steamship to ply the Pacific Ocean. The gavel was beautifully inlaid with silver with the following inscription; "Presented to Most Worshipful Wm. Downie at the dedication of the Masonic Temple, New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 27th, 1892.

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a procession which marched around the room in prescribed form. The Grand Master with the assistance of M. W. Bro. Clute and R. W. Bros. Grant and Kelly, proceeded with the solemn and impressive ceremony of dedicating the beautiful temple of New Westminster, on the conclusion of which Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM and so declared.

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PROCEEDINGS

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Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, commenced its Twenty-second Annual Communication, at the Masonic Temple in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada ; on Thursday the 22nd day of June, 1893, A. L. 5893 ; at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.

ROLL CALL.

Upon calling the roll there were found to be present the following :

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Downie	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Sibree Clark, M. D.	Deputy Grand Master.
“ “ Peter Grant	Grand Senior Warden.
“ “ Robt. B. McMicking	“ Junior Warden.
V. W. “ E. D. McLaren	“ Chaplain.
“ “ Henry F. Heisterman	“ Treasurer.
“ “ W. J. Quinlan	“ Secretary.
W. Bro. Jos. E. Phillips	Senior Deacon.
“ John McAllister	“ Junior Deacon.
“ Wm. J. Leighton	“ Supt. of Works.
“ W. A. De Wolfe Smith	“ Director of Ceremonies.
“ Benjamin Williams	“ Marshall.

W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Alex. M. Fraser	" Organist.
" Walter O. Miller	" Pursuivant.
" Geo. A. Dow	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Russell	No. 1 District.
" " Wm. Manson	No. 2 District.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Fred'k Williams	Past Grand Master.
" " Eli Harrison	" "
" " E. Crow Baker	" "
" " Thos. Trounce	" "
" " Alex. R. Milne	" "
" " Angus McKeown	" "
" " Marcus Wolfe	" "
R. W. Bro. R. B. Kelley	Senior Warden.
" " Robt. Beaven	" "
" " Wm. Stewart	Junior Warden.
" " Henry Nathan	" "
V. W. Bro. A. W. Silletoe	Chaplain.

With representatives of thirteen Chartered Lodges and the following Past Masters:

FROM LODGE No. 1.—D. Cartmel, Thos. S. Fitcher, Thos. R. Mitchell, Geo. McFarland M. McGregor, W. W. Northcott, John Piercy Thos. Shotbolt, E. J. Salmon.

FROM LODGE No. 2.—J. Munroe Miller.

FROM LODGE No. 3.—R. Craig.

FROM LODGE No. 7.—Gabriel Thomas.

FROM LODGE No. 9.—Alex. Charleston, W. A. Duncan, J. B. Johnson

FROM LODGE No. 12.—Fred. Cope, C. Z. Perry, J. R. Foster.

There were also present the Grand Representatives from the following M. W. Grand Lodges:

Arkansas	Beyreuth	D. of Columbia	Colorado
South Dakota	Delaware	Florida	Georgia
Hungary	Illinois	Iowa	Indiana
Indian Terr'y	Ireland	Kentucky	Louisiana
Maine	Michigan	Mississippi	Missouri
Montana	New Brunswick	New Jersey	N. S. Wales
New Zealand	Nova Scotia	Oregon	Scotland
Tasmania	Tennessee	Utah	Vermont
Virginia	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren to fill the places of absentees *pro tempore*, viz :

W. Bro. J. B. Johnson	as Grand Standard Bearer.
“ A. B. Erskine.....	} as Grand Stewards.
“ J. W. Coburn.....	
“ J. M. McAskill.....	
“ A. St. Geo. Flint	

The Grand Lodge was then opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. W. Wm. Downie, Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia, and after solemn prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain so proclaimed in the South, West and East with Grand honors.

ADMITTED TO GRAND LODGE.

The M. W. Grand Master ordered it proclaimed without the portals : That all Master Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Lodge during the session.

After the visitors were admitted the Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge would attend divine service at the First Presbyterian Church, at three o'clock this afternoon, and invited all present to attend.

The Grand Master appointed the following as :

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Alex. Charleson.	R. W. Bro. J. Munroe Miller.
“ S. N. Jarrett.	V. W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan.

The Grand Lodge is Called off for half an hour to permit the performance of the duty Credentials Committee.

The time having elapsed labor was resumed, the Grand Secretary read the report, on motion it was resolved that the report be received and laid on the table till the hour of three o'clock p. m., to allow further representatives to report themselves in the porch book.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.—5892-93.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Grant, seconded by W. Bro. Jos. E. Phillips : That the reading of the Journal of Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Communication be omitted at this time as a transcript in printed form had been distributed to the members of Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, and that the minutes be taken as read hereby confirmed and adopted as presented. Carried.

Grand Lodge called from labor until 1:30 p. m.

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IN GRAND LODGE.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 22ND JUNE.

1:30 P. M. The Grand Lodge is called to order, M. W. Bro. Wm. Downie in the Grand East.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :

Another year has passed away, and our doings are recorded among the actions that can never be recalled. The year has been sufficiently prosperous for the Fraternity, to warrant us in assembling together with heartfelt thank to God, the G. A. O. T. U., for the many favors vouchsafed to us, to renew our faith in the benefits and usefulness of Freemasonry, and to take council for the future guidance of the Craft. There have been some obstacles in the way and perhaps here and there a difficulty has been encountered, but they have been brushed aside and the advance has been steady. The seed of Masonic knowledge sown by the wayside has, we trust, taken root, and in good time will bud and blossom and bring forth fruit. As we assemble in this our

Twenty-second Annual Communication, in the City of Victoria, it is with pleasure I welcome you to our deliberations. I trust that harmony which should characterise every gathering of Freemasons, may be the leading feature of this assembly of our Ancient Craft, and to Him who is our Great Grand Master be all the honor and glory.

While rejoicing over the prosperity and ever onward course of Freemasonry throughout the Province, we are reminded of the uncertainty of life by the death of nine (9) Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, among whom I may mention V. W. Bro. M. W. Waitt, P. G. Treasurer, and Bro. W. R. Brown, Senior Warden of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1. In one short month after our last Annual Communication in the City of Nanaimo, where we had the pleasure of meeting them in apparent good health, these Brethren were called to their reward, deeply lamented by the Fraternity throughout the Province. Bro. Waitt had been for many years an active member of Grand Lodge and his sudden calling hence was a sad bereavement not only to his family and relatives but also to those Brethren of our beloved institution, whose long acquaintance with him had taught them to appreciate his worth.

Bro. Brown was a bright energetic young Mason who was loved and respected by every one who knew him, for his many excellent qualities of head and heart. Had he lived, a bright career was before him, but it was not to be; the summons came to him in the morning of his life and he is now, we trust, enrolled in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's grand Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. I am sure the heartfelt sympathy of the members of this Grand Lodge will be extended to the families and friends of all those who have been called away, and I need only suggest that the usual memorial pages be inserted in our proceedings for this year.

A Lodge of Sorrow in honour of the memory of those dear Brethren who were called home during the smallpox epidemic, was held conjointly by Victoria-Columbia and Vancouver-Quadra Lodges, in the City of Victoria, on Sunday, October 2nd, 1892. It was of a most solemn and impressive character, and the large gathering of the Brethren and their friends who assembled in the Temple for this purpose showed how deeply the loss was felt not only by their immediate relatives and fellows but also by the public at large. An invitation was sent me to be present but owing to certain business engagements, I was unable to avail myself of the privilege, much to my regret.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of the following Lodges.

Doric, Nanaimo. Ionic, Chilliwack. Miriam, Vernon.

The petitions having been cordially recommended by the Lodges interested, and the officers being old and tried Masons I feel assured these new Lodges will be the means of doing much good in their respective districts. I would strongly recommend that a charter be granted to Doric Lodge, Nanaimo. Should Grand Lodge deem it expedient to do so, I would be glad to see Ionic and Miriam Lodges receive their charters also, although they have been working under dispensation only a short time. I am quite confident that the Grand Lodge will be safe in granting a charter to Ionic Lodge, as under the government of its W. M., Bro. Logan, we may be assured the ancient Landmarks will be carefully guarded.

Miriam Lodge is also in able hands, W. Bro. Magraw being a Mason of long experience, and with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Highmen, a Past D. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, there is no doubt at all in my mind of its ultimate success.

A petition has been received from a number of Brethren in Nelson for the formation of a Lodge there, but as these Brethren have not yet fully complied with the requirements of the Constitution regarding dispensations, I would recommend passing the petition over to my successor to be dealt with.

The petition from a number of Brethren in Ainsworth which was transferred to me by M. W. Bro. Wolfe, was not granted for the same reasons as those pointed out in the petition from Nelson. I am informed that a number of the Brethren whose names were attached to this petition have since left that place, and those remaining do not deem it expedient to open a Lodge there at present. I took a trip to Nelson in October last, hoping to see some of the Brethren, but I did not succeed.

I declined to issue dispensations for the formation of St. Johns Lodge at Wellington and Acacia Lodge at Vancouver. The reasons for my refusal in the case of St. Johns Lodge, Wellington, were the following :

- 1st. There is a Lodge already working under dispensation in Nanaimo, which is only some five or six miles distant, and connected with Wellington by an excellent road.
- 2nd. There is also a Warranted Lodge in the same place.
- 3rd. The three brethren named in the petition as first officers of the proposed Lodge are residents, not of Wellington, but of Nanaimo.
- 4th. The population of Wellington and Nanaimo did not appear to me to be sufficient to warrant me in issuing a dispensation for the formation of a third Lodge.

To Acacia Lodge, Vancouver, I refused a dispensation, as it was intended to open in the outskirts of the city, which would have had a depressing effect on the Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple, in view of the fact that they were about to purchase lots on which to erect a building of their own. Furthermore, I felt it was premature to open Lodges in the outlying portions of the city, as the area of the City is not sufficient nor the population dense enough to warrant it.

The petitions for the formation of these two Lodges will be laid before you for your consideration.

Fifteen dispensations to perform various acts have been granted during the year, particulars of which will be enumerated to you by the V. W. Grand Secretary.

On request of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington I granted permission to Lynden Lodge, No. 56, in that Grand Jurisdiction to initiate a candidate who resides in the Province of British Columbia, that Lodge being the nearest to his place of residence.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Special Communications of the Grand Lodge have been held as follows :

At Vancouver, Saturday, November 26th, 1892, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the First Presbyterian Church.

The R. W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the V. W. Grand Secretary, V. W. Grand Chaplain, the D. D. G. M. for the second Masonic district, a large number of other Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Brethren from Vancouver, New Westminster, and the surrounding district were present. The stone was laid in ancient form, the Grand Master being the recipient of a beautiful silver Trowel duly inscribed.

At New Westminster on St. Johns Day, December 27th, 1892, to dedicate the new Temple and to install the officers of Union and King Solomon Lodges.

I think I am safe in saying that the largest number of Masons ever assembled in the Province met on that occasion (some two hundred and forty altogether). I was ably assisted in the dedicatory ceremony by M. W. P. G. M. Clute, R. W. Bro. Grant, Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Kelly, R. W. Bro. Hoy, R. W. Bro. Manson, V. W. Bro. McLaren and W. Bros. Charleson and Perry, and others. On that occasion I was presented by R. W. Bro. Manson, on behalf of Union Lodge, with a splendid Gavel, made from teak taken from the hull of the old "Beaver,"

the first vessel that was ever propelled by steam on the Pacific Ocean. The installation of the officers of the two Lodges was then proceeded with by Rt. W. Bro. Manson, D. D. G. M., assisted by M. W. P. G. M. Clute and others. The work was well done, reflecting much credit on those engaged in the ceremony.

The new Temple is one the Brethren in New Westminster have every reason to be proud of. It has not (in my opinion) its equal in the Province to-day. I trust it may be the meeting place of good men and true until in the lapse of ages it may have to make way for a nobler structure.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have had, as occasion offered, the pleasure of visiting the following Lodges :

On July 26th,	1892	Mount Hermon, No. 7, Vancouver
" August 9th,	"	King Solomon, No. 17, New Westminster
" October 12th,	"	Mountain, No. 11, Donald
" " 14th,	"	Spallumcheen, No. 15, Lansdowne
" " 19th,	"	Kootenay, No. 15, Revelstoke
" " 21st,	"	Kamloops, No. 10, Kamloops
" November 4th,	"	Cariboo, No. 4, Barkerville
" December 27th,	"	Union, No. 9, New Westminster.
" " 27th,	"	King Solomon, No. 17, New Westminster
" January 5th,	1893	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1, Victoria
" " 6th,	"	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, "
" April 17th,	"	Ashlar, No. 3, Nanaimo
" " 18th,	"	Doric, (U. D.), "
" June 19th,	"	Cascade, No. 12, Vancouver
" " 20th,	"	Pacific, No. 16, Mission City

On my visit to King Solomon Lodge, on 9th August, I presented them with their Charter, and duly constituted the Lodge. A large number of the Brethren accompanied me from Vancouver; they, together with the large number present from Union Lodge, New Westminster, completely filled the Hall. After the ceremony was concluded, refreshments were bountifully supplied by King Solomon Lodge.

On my visit to Doric Lodge, Nanaimo, the Brethren tendered me a rich banquet at the Wilson Hotel. The pleasure of the evening, so far as I was concerned, was very much enhanced by the ringing of the fire alarm just as the speech-making was about to be inaugurated, consequently I escaped without having to attempt to make a speech, much to my satisfaction. However, I am glad to say the fire did very little harm.

At Donald, after my official visit, a Masonic Ball was given in the Fireman's Hall, to which I was invited, and where I spent a very enjoyable evening. To W. Bro. Spragge and the officers of Mountain Lodge, I accord my hearty thanks for their kind hospitality during my stay at Donald.

On my visit to Victoria-Columbia Lodge, I had the pleasure of installing their officers, assisted by M. W. P. G. M. Wolfe, R. W. Bro. McMicking, V. W. Bro. Quinlan, and others. The retiring Master, W. Bro. Benjamin Williams, was presented with a handsome Past Masters' Jewel on the occasion. After the Lodge was closed a large number of the Brethren sat down to one of those enjoyable suppers for which the Victoria Brethren are proverbial. After doing justice to the good things provided, song and sentiment prevailed until the "wee sma' 'ours."

I cannot close the remarks, regarding my visitations, without referring to my trip to old Cariboo. I had to travel 200 miles by rail, and 300 by stage to reach Barkerville; but I assure you I would not have missed the opportunity of meeting the Brethren of that far famed district had the distance to be travelled been very much greater. I received a hearty welcome in every Lodge, and in none a more hearty one than in Cariboo. There was just thirteen of us present, and although I am not a young man, I think I was the youngest of the number there. R. W. Bro. Stone, D. D. G. M., Bro. McInnes as Senior Warden, Bro. Kelly as Junior Warden, R. W. Bro. McDermott as Senior Deacon, exemplified the First Degree in a very satisfactory manner. This is much to their credit in view of the fact that they have so little material to work on during the year. After the Lodge closed a very nice supper was spread, to which ample justice was done. Had we half the enthusiasm in the large Masonic centres in this Province, that the few Brethren in Cariboo display, a great work might be done in founding and fostering some Masonic Institution for the relief of worthy, distressed Brethren, the sick and the afflicted, and we should never find ourselves without the requisite funds to help those requiring assistance.

I have visited all the Lodges that were in existence at the beginning of my incumbency except Hiram, No. 14, Comox. I had fully intended paying a visit to that Lodge during the Spring, but owing to my business engagements I had to forego the pleasure, much to my regret.

After visiting the Lodges as enumerated, I am convinced that the management of them, without exception, is in good hands, and I am pleased to say I observe considerable improvement in the work in almost every instance,

In the course of my visitations I travelled 3050 miles, 600 of which was by stage.

COMMISSIONS.

I have made the following appointments of representatives on the recommendation and with the approval of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges to which they are respectively accredited.

New Hampshire, W. Bro. Arthur M. Dodge, vice W. Bro. W. R. Burleigh resigned, having left the Jurisdiction.

Tasmania, R. W. Bro. W. A. McDougall.

Rhode Island, W. Bro. Geo. S. Webster.

New Zealand, V. W. Bro. Henry Caplen.

The following Brethren have been commissioned as Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

Washington, R. W. Bro. Thos. Downie, P. D. D. G. M., Donald.

South Australia, W. Bro. Benj. Williams, Victoria.

New Zealand, W. Bro. Gabriel Thomas, Vancouver.

On February 14th I received a communication under seal from the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, withdrawing his Representatives near other Grand Lodges, in view of which Bro. Church, our Representative near that Grand Lodge, tendered his resignation, which I regret. The Communication referred to is in the Grand Secretary's hands.

DECISIONS.

During the year I have rendered the following decisions upon questions submitted to me :

Question : Can a Candidate who has been rejected in a Lodge apply to another Lodge having concurrent Jurisdiction after the expiration of twelve months ?

Answer : Yes ; he is at liberty to apply to any other Lodge having concurrent Jurisdiction in the district in which he resides.

Ques. : Has a Lodge perpetual Jurisdiction over rejected material ?

Ans. : A Lodge has no Jurisdiction over rejected material for the degrees, after the time limit, viz : 12 months, has expired.

Ques. : If a person who has had his leg amputated just below the knee as the result of a railway accident, and who is now able to pursue his usual avocations by means of an artificial limb, eligible for initiation into Masonry ?

Ans. : A person who has lost a leg is not eligible for initiation into Masonry.

Ques. : By Ashlar Lodge. Can this Lodge, on request of Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg, Ont., confer the second and third degrees on Bro. Milne free of charge, he having been initiated in the latter Lodge, and in such case would Ashlar Lodge be liable to the Grand Lodge for fees as a joining brother ?

Ans. : Yes ; a Lodge as an act of courtesy may confer one or more degrees free of charge, provided they are satisfied that the brother is an entered Apprentice, and has paid the full amount of his fees to the Lodge making the request ; and inasmuch as the brother has not signified his attention to apply for admission to membership in Ashlar Lodge, I hold that that Lodge is not liable to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for any fees in connection with the passing and raising of the brother in question.

Ques. : Can a Subordinate Lodge deal with the question of Jurisdiction in a case of application for degrees from a candidate living in British Columbia, to a Lodge in Washington State ?

Ans. : A Subordinate Lodge cannot deal with a question of Jurisdiction, nor can they grant permission to a Lodge in a Foreign Jurisdiction, to initiate a person who resides in the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Ques. : Can a Lodge grant a Demit to a brother who is not a Master Mason ?

Ans. : It is not proper to grant a Demit to a brother who is not a Master Master.

Ques. : Can a Lodge room which has been dedicated to Masonry be used for other than Masonic purposes, the said Lodge room being still the meeting place of a Lodge ?

Ans. : It is improper to use a Lodge room when once consecrated and dedicated for any other than Masonic purposes.

Ques. : Can a Masonic Lodge participate in funeral services joined in by other Societies ?

Ans : There is no objection to the Masonic Fraternity attending a funeral at which other societies are present, provided the Masons are allowed to make all arrangements for the funeral, and to have full charge of the ceremony until the body has been laid in the grave according to the ancient customs of our order.

Regarding my ruling in connection with the matter of rejected material, the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction has been that, a rejected candidate for the degrees, after the expiration of twelve months, may apply for initiation to any other Lodge holding concurrent Jurisdiction in his district. This usage also prevails in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada. I therefore considered it advisable to rule in accordance with the established custom.

I deem it unreasonable to say that a man who has been rejected in one Lodge is forever debarred from applying to another. While we might possibly keep trace of the candidate so long as he resides in our own Jurisdiction, what is there to prevent him, should he move to a foreign Jurisdiction, from applying for and receiving the degrees there? I think it is unwise, and not in accordance with law and liberty, to attempt to place such a restriction on any candidate. I cannot see why a man who has applied to a Lodge and has been rejected should not after the expiration of twelve months, stand in the same relative position to all other Lodges as a man who is applying for the first time.

Bro. Stewart, the then D. D. G. M. of the fifth Masonic District took exception to the ruling, and after much corresponding (which is now in the Grand Secretary's hands) tendered his resignation of the office, which I was very unwilling to accept; but, as Bro. Stewart insisted, and as the office is not an elective one, nor the nominee installed, I was compelled, much to my regret, to accept his resignation. As the duties of the office are not defined in the Constitution, I did not deem it advisable to appoint a successor. However, I requested M. W. P. G. M. Wolfe to make a special report on the condition of Masonry in the fifth district, which he kindly consented to do, and it will be laid before you in due course.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

At the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, held at Tallequah Cherokee Nation, August 16th, 1892, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

1st. Resolved, that the Grand Master, in person or by proxy, after correspondence with the Masters of Oklahoma Lodges, call a convention of duly accredited Representatives of all Oklahoma Lodges, to consider the question of a separate Jurisdiction.

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2nd. If such convention shall decide that the time has arrived for the organization of a Grand Lodge for Oklahoma, then the Grand Master or his proxy shall formally open a convention for the purpose of taking all the necessary steps for the organization of such Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, the adoption of a Constitution and the election of officers.

3rd. That upon such organization being completed the Grand Master or his proxy shall install said officers elect, and formally proclaim by the authority of this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma is legally organized and made independent, entitled to all prerogatives of a lawfully constituted Grand Lodge, and as such fraternally commend to the Masonic consideration of all Grand Lodges.

Agreeable to above resolutions, M. W. Leo E. Bennet, Grand Master of Masons of Indian Territory, called a special convention of all Masonic Lodges in Oklahoma Territory, on the 20th day of November, 1892, and a separate Masonic Jurisdiction under the name and style of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Oklahoma Territory, was ther and there organized.

As I am satisfied this Grand Lodge has been legally and carefully formed in accordance with the Ancient charges, constitution and established customs of Freemasonry, I heartily recommend its recognition by this Grand Lodge.

The matter of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hayti, laid over at the last Annual Communication, will again be brought before you for your consideration.

I may say that our relations with Foreign Grand Jurisdictions, are most cordial and satisfactory.

BY-LAWS.

On October 26th, 1892, I approved the Code of By-Laws of King Solomon Lodge, No. 17, New Westminster.

I am glad to be able to state that all the Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, with the exception of Kamloops, No. 10, are now doing their business in the third degree. Mountain, No. 11, Cascade, No. 12, and Pacific, No. 16, having made the change at my request. I have had some communication with Kamloops Lodge in this connection, and I trust soon to hear that they also have come into line. The work in this respect is now uniform throughout the Province with the one exception noted.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I beg to make the following recommendations :

1st. That a Special Communication of Grand Lodge be held in some central locality during the fall or early winter for the purpose of the exemplification of the Rituals, as worked by the different Lodges throughout the Province. I make this recommendation owing to the fact that so much benefit accrued to the Craft from the last Communication held for this purpose. I feel confident that the working of the different Lodges would not have been so satisfactory to-day, but for the opportunity then given us, under our respected P. G. M. Milne, to see the work done by the best Lodges in the Province. There is still, however, room for improvement.

I have had an opportunity from time to time during the past 12 months to inspect the work, and I noticed a marked difference in the work performed by the different Lodges professing to use the same Ritual. The oftener we can get the Lodges together for comparison, the sooner will the work be made perfect.

2nd. That some competent Brother be appointed to visit such Lodges as Cariboo and Comox, once a year, or at least once in two years, to exemplify the work, and to give the officers and members full instructions as to the routine working of a Lodge, and that a sum of \$200 be granted this year for the purpose.

I refer more particularly to Cariboo and Comox as they are off the line of travel, and can therefore seldom enjoy the benefits of being visited by expert Brethern or of visiting other Lodges. The other Lodges in the Province are sufficiently near the railways to be visited from time to time by Brethern well qualified to exemplify the work without any expense to the Grand Lodge.

3rd. That the D. D. G. Ms. of the different districts hold Lodges of Instruction in their respective districts at least once a year, in order to bring the Brethern of the district together, and thereby get them more largely interested in the good working of their various Lodges. I am sure the advantage of having done so will be apparent at the end of the year.

4th. That the Committee on Constitution, with the addition of such Brethern as the Grand Lodge may see fit to appoint, be instructed to thoroughly revise the Constitution, inserting in their proper places the various amendments that have been adopted, and framing such additional clauses as they may deem advisable; the result of their labors to be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication. Should Grand Lodge approve of this recommendation it would not be necessary to submit the amendments and additions to Constitution proposed to be brought before you at this Communication.

In conclusion, I thank Bros. Wolfe, Clute and Grant for the many

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courtesies extended to me during the year. To the Grand Secretary, Bro. Quinlan, I am especially indebted for much valuable assistance, and I must bear witness to the faithful and efficient manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office. My associations with him throughout my term of office have been of a most pleasant and satisfactory character.

In returning to you the emblem of authority, I thank you for the great honor conferred upon me. I regard it as the highest honor that can be bestowed on any man, to be elected Grand Master of the Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and I assure you that to the best of my ability I have endeavored to discharge the duties devolving upon me faithfully and zealously, without fear and without partiality.

Respectfully submitted

WM. DOWNIE,

Grand Master.

Vancouver, B. C., June, 1893.

Resolved that the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a committee of three.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed as the Committee:—

R. W. Bro. Robt. Beaven, W. Bro. Alex. Charleson,
W. Bro. D. Cartmel.

R. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke then read his Address as Deputy Grand Master.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Members of the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

It is not my purpose to occupy the time of Grand Lodge with a lengthy address. The account of my Masonic doings for the past year can be given in very few words. Since last July until recently I have been in poor health, so that it has been difficult, and at times quite impossible, to do the work pertaining to my profession and business. In consequence, I have been unable to visit lodges as I ought to have done, and should have had great pleasure in doing under ordinary circumstances, and the year, which I fully intended should be for me one of

unusual Masonic activity, has really been one of unusual quietude. My inability to be present at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at New Westminster was a source of especial regret. The first three years of my residence in British Columbia were passed in New Westminster, and while I have found Masons kind and brotherly wherever I have been, the brethren there will always have a warm place in my heart, remembering as I do the help and sympathy extended by them to the strange brother who came amongst them to retrieve his broken fortunes.

Amongst the many reasons I have for gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U., not the least is the fact that my health is now almost fully restored.

I hope by increased zeal and greater effort in the future to atone in some measure for the shortcomings of the past.

My only official visits during the year were to the lodges at Kamloops and Revelstoke. On both occasions I installed the officers for the ensuing year.

The Lodges in District No. 3 are increasing their membership, and are, generally speaking, prosperous.

Fraternally submitted,

SIBREE CLARKE, D. G. M.

June 1893.

Resolved:—That the Deputy Grand Master's Address be referred to the Special Committee on the address of the Grand Master.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Pearson read his report on District No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., British Columbia.

Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit my Report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1.

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During the year just closed, the Lodges in this District have made very fair progress, and have fully maintained the high standard and proficiency in work as in former years, the work being well exemplified, and from the very careful manner in which the candidates have been examined during advancement speaks well for the zeal and ability of the officers to whom the work of the Lodges was entrusted.

During last summer, by the visitation of the G. A. O. T. U., we were called upon to mourn the loss of four of our brethren. Two by that dread disease, small-pox, viz: V. W. P. G. T. M. W. Waitt and Brother W. R. Brown, who was at the time of his death Senior Warden of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1. He was an active worker and highly respected by his brethren. In October last, the Lodges held a Lodge of Sorrow in memory thereof, which was largely attended by the brethren and friends of the deceased.

On September 21st., I had the pleasure of visiting Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2. I was very courteously received and welcomed by the W. M. Brother J. E. Phillips, his officers, and brethren. On this occasion I had the honor on behalf of the M. W. P. G. M. Marcus Wolfe, of Nanaimo, of presenting a very fine photograph of himself.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day, at the request of the M. W. G. M. I had the pleasure of conducting the installation of the officers of the above Lodge. I was accompanied and most kindly assisted by M. W. P. G. M. A. McKeown, the V. W. Grand Secretary, and R. W. George S. Russell, whom I have always found, during the many years I have labored with them in the interests of the Craft, ever ready to assist in doing all in their power for the advancement of the cause of Masonry.

After the ceremony, W. Bro. J. E. Phillips was presented with a very handsome P. M.'s Jewell by the brethren of the Lodge, after which we were entertained at a banquet, where the usual toasts were given and a very pleasant evening spent, being enjoyed by all present.

On January 5th, I had the pleasure of accompanying the M. W. G. M. and officers of the Grand Lodge to the installation of the officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1. The ceremony was most ably conducted by the M. W. The usual entertainments followed, by a banquet held in Assembly Hall, where again the best efforts of the Lodge were applied to the entertainment of the brethren.

Victoria-Columbia No. 1 being my own Lodge, I have visited it several times during the year, and can vouch for the able manner in which the work is done.

I believe the greatest harmony prevails among the brethren of this District, and the material offering to receive our privileges is very carefully examined before being accepted.

I am pleased to say that the contemplated extension of the Masonic Temple is in a fair way of being realized, an Act having been passed by the Provincial Legislature incorporating the Board of Management as an association for holding in trust for the three bodies interested, the property. This will enable the work to be commenced and carried, I hope, to a successful completion, when we hope to have a Temple with ample convenience for the increasing demand made by the bodies holding meetings there.

In surrendering my Commission, I take the opportunity of thanking the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the honour conferred upon me, and the V. W. Grand Secretary, and the officers and members of No. 1 District for useful information and courtesy extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

T. B. PEARSON,

D. D. G. M. No. 1 District.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Manson read his report on No. 2 District.

To the M. W. G. M. and Members of the G. L., A. F. and A. M., B. C.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:—

It affords me a lively satisfaction to be able to report that in District No. 2, Masonry, while enjoying that peace and harmony which is so essential to our beloved Order, made healthy strides in growth and prosperity during the past year.

On the 9th of August I had the honor and pleasure of assisting the M. W. G. M. in installing the Officers of King Solomon Lodge, and it is particularly pleasing to me to record that the great interest taken by the Brethren in things Masonic at that time was but an index of their zeal since.

November 15th in company with a number of brethren from Union and King Solomon Lodge, I visited Mount Hermon Lodge, and was pleased to see the 3rd degree exemplified in a very efficient manner.

On the 26th of the same month I had the pleasure of assisting the M. W. G. M. and G. L. Officers in laying the Corner Stone of a Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, and notwithstanding the inclement weather it was gratifying to note that Masons could be counted by the hundreds where a few years ago the same number of dozens could not be found.

I visited Cascade Lodge on the 3rd of December and had the pleasure of witnessing the 3rd degree conferred by W. Bro. Miller and the officers of the Lodge. Bro. Miller's name is sufficient guarantee that the work was done with neatness and despatch.

On the 27th of December I assisted at the Dedication of the Temple at New Westminster and the installation of officers of Union and King Solomon Lodges.

The Masons of New Westminster have again a hall to be proud of; a building that is not only handsome in design but one of the most substantial in construction in the Province.

I hope it will be a lasting monument to the tenacious pluck of Union Lodge. I am very pleased to state that the Officers and Members of both Lodges visit and assist in each Lodge indiscriminately and it is only by noticing whether it is Bro. Binnie or Bro. McAskill who presides that one can tell whether he is sitting in Union or King Solomon Lodge.

On the third of January I was present with and assisted the M. W. G. M. in installing the Officers of Mount Hermon and Cascade Lodges. The Brethren of these two Lodges mingle in the most harmonious manner and I must say both Lodges have the happy knack of entertaining visitors and making them feel at home.

On the 26th of January Union Lodge had to perform the sad and solemn duty of burying Bro. James A. Laidlaw. Bro. Laidlaw died at Colton California, and the members of Union Lodge had the melancholy satisfaction of learning that the Masons there had done everything that friendship and brotherly love could suggest.

Our beautiful service was read by M. W. P. G. M. Clute in a very impressive manner.

April 27th in company with several Brethren from Union and King Solomon Lodges I went to Chilliwack and was present at the opening of Ionic Lodge U. D. This new Lodge is under the guiding hand of W. Bro. Logan and while so I feel sure Ionic Lodge will prosper.

June 20th I had the pleasure of accompanying the M. W. G. M. on his official visit to Pacific Lodge and assisted him to install the Officers for the current year. At the close of our labors we enjoyed a couple of hours very pleasantly in feasting, song and sentiment of fraternal expressions and it was to me a most entertaining evening. I am glad to be able to state that the prospect of this Lodge is very bright.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. MANSON,

D. D. G. M.

R. W. Bro. James Stone D. D. G. M. of No. 4 District being absent the Grand Secretary read his report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

There being but one Lodge in my District my report will of a necessity be short, and the fact of a visit from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, (the first and only visit to Cariboo by any Grand Master) also caters to brevity. I have been present at all communications during the past year and taken part in all work, very little indeed, only the passing and raising of an eastern Brother and the affiliation of Bro. Reinhard from Union No. 9. Masonic matters at Cariboo like everything else just at present are very much at a stand still, but we are hopeful.

During the visit of the Grand Master the question was put by him, Who were the charter members of Cariboo Lodge? No one present could tell. The Charter was destroyed by fire in 1868. It was resolved by the members to be in possession of the facts relating to the origin of Cariboo Lodge and so applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The information has just been received and I give it in full as it may be of interest to Masons in the Province formerly of Cariboo.

FREEMASONS' HALL.

EDINBURGH, April 10

To H. McDermott Esq.,

Worshipful Master Cariboo No. 4

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Charter to Cariboo No. 469 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland was issued on 6th May 1867. The Charter Members were Jonathan Nutt, Master; Victor Jones, Henry E. Seelye, Ralph Borthwick, George C. Webster, W. Muesta, I. W. Powell, B. P. Anderson, W. H. Fitzgerald, N. F. Foster, Petitioners, with as Officers J. Nutt, Master; D. McNaughton, Deputy Master; John Muir, substitute Master; J. W. Hill, S. W.; Geo. Grant, J. W.; R. Borthwick, Treas.; W. Cochrane, Secy.; J. S. Thomson, S. D.; A. Campbell, J. D.; V. Jones, I. G.; G. C. Webster, Treas.

The Charter was signed by the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master; the Earl of Haddington, Deputy G. M.; the Duke of Athole, S. G. W.; the Earl of Dunmore, J. G. W.; and Wm. A. Laurne, Grand Secy.

The foregoing particulars will interest you.

Fraternal Greetings,

D. MURRAY LYON, G. S.

Sorry I shall not be present this year.

With best wishes,

JAMES STONE,

D. D. G. M. District No. 4.

Barkerville, B. C., May 12th, 1893.

Owing to the fact that R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart the D.D.G.M. of No. 5 District had resigned his commission M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe read a special report on District No. 5.

NANAIMO B. C. 17th June 1893.

To Wm. Downie, Esq., M.W. Grand Master Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.B.C..R.

DEAR SIR & M. W. BRO.:—

Pursuant to your letter of the 17th ulto. requesting me to report to you on the condition of Masonry in this District, I now have much pleasure in submitting the following brief report.

It was to be regretted that the District Deputy for here saw fit to resign his Commission, which had a tendency to destroy in a measure the harmony existing between the Lodges of this City; and was brought about by the views taken on "Rejected Material," entertained by the D. D. G. M.; since which strained relations have existed between (I am happy to say) only a few of the Brethren from both Lodges. Otherwise with the exception of some internal friction (which no doubt occurs in all Lodges) peace, prosperity and harmony have prevailed. Ashlar Lodge No., 3, has increased in membership, and still maintains the high standard of "Work" for which she has been so proverbially commended in the past. The W. M. Bro. Coburn is zealous and makes every effort to rule and govern the Lodge as becomes a good man and a true Mason, in which high estimation I can confidently say he is held by his Brethren.

Doric Lodge U. D. has made remarkable progress, striving to maintain the honor, reputation and purity which should characterize Masonic Lodges. Having been a frequent (almost constant) visitor, I can speak freely and confidently that the work done has been in keeping with that of "Ashlar No. 3" under the "Gavel" of that "Veteran Jubilum" Bro. W. M. Ralph Craig, in which he has been ably assisted by his fellow officers and a number from Ashlar Lodge. The material allowed in has been of the very best, mainly young, bright, intelligent men who will be a credit to the fraternity. The books and records have been correctly kept, the meetings conducted in peace and harmony. I therefore have much pleasure in recommending to Grand Lodge, (through you M. W. Sir) in view of above satisfactory and manifest evidence of Doric Lodge's good record, that a Charter be issued to them at the approaching Annual Communication.

It is unnecessary for me to enter into details as to returns from either Lodge, as those will come before your notice through the Office of the V. W. Grand Secretary, by the respective reports. I had intended

visiting Hiram Lodge at Comox ere now, but have been precluded from doing so through business pressure, but from what I can learn, the Craft in that section is prosperous and will no doubt give a good account of their past year's progress.

Considerable discussion has taken place, as also some friction, as to "Mixed Funerals," that is to say where other than Masonic Bodies participate, and your ruling on the question gave general satisfaction which I hope will be sustained by the Grand Lodge, so that we may all know just what procedure to follow, as it is unpleasant as well as unbecoming to act in any other than a universal Brotherly spirit, with any recognized, legitimate, fraternal or beneficiary organization.

Your visit here was attended with much good, as always is the personal visit of Grand Masters, and was to be regretted you could not have made it convenient to be here more frequently.

There is nothing further to note that occurs to me at this time, and trust the foregoing is comprehensive and what you desire, apart from your own personal observation.

Hoping the past year now so near a close has been one of both pleasure and satisfaction, and assuring you of the fealty of the Craft here to you as Grand Master and to the Order at large,

Believe me, M. W. Sir and Brother,

MARCUS WOLFE, P. G. M.

The time specified having arrived. The report of the Committee on Credentials is taken from the table, and it being shown no further representatives had reported,

It is resolved that the report be adopted and the committee discharged.—Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

JUNE 22nd, 1893.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee appointed on Credentials beg to report :

That on inspecting the list of proxies and the porch book of Grand Lodge, we find the following Brethren intitled to votes in Grand Lodge as representatives of the lodges as under :

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1 :

A. St. Geo. Flint.....Worshipful Master.
 B. S. Oddy.....Senior Warden.
 A. L. Belyea.....Junior Warden.

VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2 :

Archibald B. Erskine.....Worshipful Master.
 Henry Waller.....Senior Warden.
 Geo. H. Brown.....Junior Warden.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3 :

John W. Coburn.....Worshipful Master.
 John W. Coburn.....Senior Warden, proxy.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4 :

Marcus W. Wolfe.....Worshipful Master, proxy.
 Wm. Manson.....Senior Warden, "
 Robt. B. McMicking.....Junior Warden, "

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7 :

W. O. Miller.....Worshipful Master, proxy.
 D. W. Gillies.....Senior Warden.
 S. N. Jarrett.....Junior Warden.

UNION LODGE, No. 9 :

Thos. Binnie.....Worshipful Master.
 W. A. DeWolf Smith.....Senior Warden, proxy.
 Alex. Charleson.....Junior Warden, "

KAMLOOPS LODGE, No. 10 :

H. C. M. Ridley.....Worshipful Master.
 Chas. R. Slater.....Senior Warden.

MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 11 :

Not Represented.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 12 :

E. D. McLaren.....Worshipful Master.
 G. L. Morrow.....Senior Warden.
 A. W. Black.....Junior Warden.

SPALLUMCHEEN LODGE, No. 13 :

W. J. Quinlan Worshipful Master, proxy.
 Sibree Clarke..... Senior Warden, "

HIRAM LODGE, No. 14 :

Alexander Grant..... Worshipful Master,

KOOTENAY LODGE, No. 15 :

L. R. Johnson..... Worshipful Master, proxy.
 Wm. Downie..... Senior Warden, "

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 16 :

A. York..... Worshipful Master.
 R. B. Kelly..... Senior Warden, proxy.
 F. Cope..... Junior Warden, "

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 17 :

W. McAskill..... Worshipful Master.
 Alex. M. Fraser..... Senior Warden, proxy.
 J. H. Shirley..... Junior Warden, "

Faternally submitted,

ALEX. CHARLESON,	} Committee.
S. N. JARRETT,	
MUNROE MILLER,	
W. J. QUINLAN.	

The W. M. Grand Master then requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a procession for the purpose of proceeding to the First Presbyterian Church, where divine service was conducted and an eloquent and instructive sermon preached by the Rev. Bro. McLaren, V. W. Grand Chaplain, much to the pleasure of the large number present.

At the conclusion of the service the procession was again formed and returned to the Masonic Temple. Resuming labor, the Grand Secretary read his annual report.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

I have the honor and pleasing duty of presenting the twenty-second annual report of transactions appertaining to this office. It exhibits the work of Grand Lodge to date, while returns from Subordinates Lodges are in accordance with their fiscal year.

The total receipts from Subordinate Lodges are as under:

Victoria-Columbia Lodge	\$ 280 75
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge.....	205 50
Ashlar Lodge.....	189 25
Cariboo Lodge.....	83 00
Mount Hermon Lodge.....	148 75
Union Lodge.....	163 75
Kamloops Lodge.....	100 50
Mountain Lodge.....	116 25
Cascade Lodge.....	212 00
Spallumcheen Lodge.....	36 00
Hiram Lodge.....	73 75
Kootenay Lodge.....	59 25
Pacific Lodge.....	147 75
King Solomon Lodge.....	119 25
*Doric Lodge.....	46 00
*Ionic Lodge.....	30 00
*Miriam.....	80 00
	\$1991 75

Increase over last year, \$945.25.

*Lodges under Dispensation.

A charter was issued early in July last to King Solomon, New Westminster, as No. 17, B. C. R.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant Dispensations for three new lodges as under:

Doric Lodge.....	Nanaimo.
Ionic Lodge.....	Chilliwack.
Miriam Lodge.....	Vernon.

Their records of work done and advancement, as well as requests for warrants, will be laid before you for consideration at this communication.

PROCEEDINGS 1892.

The first labor of the year just passed was the preparation and

printing of the twenty-first annual proceedings. The Contract was tendered upon as usual and given to the Colonist Publishing Co. From the various expressions of praise I am led to hope they were considered a credit to our jurisdiction. Five hundred copies were procured and a bound copy issued to the secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to be held as Lodge property. Copies were also sent to all the members of the Grand Lodge, as well as to sister Grand Lodges, with whom we enjoy fraternal correspondence.

LIBRARY.

The appropriation from Grand Lodge of last session has been expended as far as it would go in binding the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, and thanks are due to many Grand Secretaries for donations of numbers of proceedings not to hand. The work was executed at the establishment of W. Bro. M. Miller, and is a credit to him as well as to this Grand Lodge.

There are still several copies to be bound, and I trust a further appropriation will be made to complete this work to date.

We are again under obligations for many publications, which in years to come will adorn our Library and assist in passing away many pleasant hours.

DISPENSATIONS

Were issued by the M. W. Grand Master's command as follows :

March 10th, 1892. To Cascade Lodge, No. 12. to receive the application and confer degrees in less time than provided by Constitution on Mr. Klarenberg.

April 11th. To Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, to confer degrees on Bro. Turner in less time of interval than regulated by Constitution.

June 13th. To Hiram Lodge, No. 14, to wear regalia at Divine Service.

June 17th. To Pacific Lodge, No. 16, to install Lodge officers at earlier date than provided in Lodge By-Laws.

July 16th. To Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, to wear regalia at Divine Service.

July 21st. To Doric Lodge, Nanaimo, formation under W. Bro. Ralph Craig and associate Brethren.

August 4th. To Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, to confer degrees in less time than required by Constitution.

September 21st. To Victoria-Columbia and Vancouver-Quadra Lodges, Nos. 1 and 2, to wear Lodge regalia at Lodge of Sorrow in memory of deceased Bretren.

- **September 28th.** To Pacific Lodge, No. 10, to wear regalia at public Divine Service.

September 30th. To Mountain Lodge, No. 11, to wear regalia at public Divine Service.

October 8th. To Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, to confer degrees at less interval of time than required by Constitution.

October 22nd. To Kootenay Lodge, No. 15, to wear regalia at public Divine Service.

November 21st. To Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, to receive the application of a candidate (member of mercantile marine) who had not acquired residence qualification.

December 7th. To Cascade Lodge, No. 12, to wear regalia at public Divine Service.

December 24th. To Union Lodge, No. 12, to hold a Lodge in a room not dedicated.

December 24th. To Pacific Lodge, No. 6, to wear regalia in public (ball).

December 24th. To Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, to wear regalia in public (ball).

December 29th. To Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, to install officers at other time than specified in By-laws.

December 29th. To Cascade Lodge, No. 12, to install officers at other time than specified in By-laws.

January 31st, 1893. To Mountain Lodge, No. 11, to install officers at other time than specified in By-laws.

April 3rd. To W. Bro. Jno. A. Logan and associate Brethren to form a new Lodge at Chilliwack, B. C., to be known as Ionic Lodge.

April 26th. To Bro. Ainsley Magraw and associate Brethren to form a Lodge at Vernon, B. C., to be known as Miriam Lodge.

COMMISSIONS.

July 3rd, 1892. Commissions were issued to the District Deputy Grand Masters for the several districts, viz :

R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Pearson	No. 1 District.
" " Wm. Manson.....	" 2 "
" " E. Stuart Wood.....	" 3 "
" " Jas. Stone.....	" 4 "
" " Wm. Stewart.....	" 5 "

Commissions to Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges as follows:

July 4th, 1892. To W. Bro. W. A. McDougal, Hobart, near Grand Lodge Tasmania.

July 10th. To W. Bro. Carl Benker, Buda Pesth, near Grand Lodge Bayreuth, vice Bro. Punched, resigned.

July 10th. To R. W. Bro. F. C. Crossle, Newery, near Grand Lodge of Ireland.

July 15th. To W. Bro. Arthur M. Dodge, Hampton Falls, near Grand Lodge New Hampshire.

October 5th. To V. W. Bro. Harry Coplen, Hawero Taranaki, near Grand Lodge New Zealand.

October 7th. To W. Bro. Geo. E. Webster, Newport, near Grand Lodge Rhode Island, vice Bro. Lawrence, cancelled.

Commissions have been received appointing the following Brethren Grand Representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge:

June 28th, 1892. From the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tasmania to W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, Vancouver.

September 13th. From the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington to R. W. Bro. Thos. Downie, Donald, vice V. W. Bro. Waitt, deceased.

October 5th. From the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand to R. W. Bro. Gabriel Thomas, Vancouver.

January 18th, 1893. From the M. W. Grand Lodge of England to R. W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., Departure Bay.

BY-LAWS.

The M. W. Grand Master has confirmed new By-Laws as follows:

October 26th, 1893. King Solomon, No. 17, New Westminster.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following have been officially reported :

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Brown, Wm. R.	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.	19th July, 1892.
Dodd, John W.	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.	26th Mar., 1892.
Paine, Wm. H.	" "	" 10th May, 1892.
McDougal, Caleb	" "	" 13th May, 1892.
Waitt, M. W.	" "	" 10th July, 1892.
McConnan, Thos	" "	" 29th Sept., 1892.
Harding, Thos.	" "	" 5th Jany., 1893.
Laidlaw, Jas. A.	Union, No. 9.	21st Jany., 1893.
McDonald, D. L.	Spallumcheen, No. 13.	3rd June, 1892.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM 1st MARCH, 5892, TO 28th FEBRUARY, 5893.

	No. 1, Victoria-Columbia.	No. 2, Vancouver-Quadra.	No. 3, Ashlar.	No. 4, Cariboo.	No. 7, Mt. Hermon.	No. 9, Union.	No. 10, Kamloops.	No. 11, Mountain.	No. 12, Cascade.	No. 13, Spallumcheen.	No. 14, Hiram.	No. 15, Kootenay.	No. 16, Pacific.	No. 17, King Solomon.	U. D., Doric.	U. D., Ionic.	U. D., Miriam.	Total No. dealt with.
Affiliations, M. M., from without.....	4	4	4	1	6	1	1	1	8	1	2	.	2	3	.	.	.	88
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Exemptions for Degrees.....	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
“ to wear regalia in public.....	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	9
“ Miscellaneous.....	1	1	.	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	7
“ for new Lodges.....	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	3
Charters granted.....	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Diplomas issued.....	13	9	7	.	3	9	7	8	7	1	11	11	16	11	8	.	.	116

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM 1st MARCH, 1892, TO 28 FEBRUARY, 1893.

	No. 1, Victoria-Columbia.	No. 2, Vancouver-Quadra.	No. 3, Ashlar.	No. 4, Cariboo.	No. 7, Mount Hermon.	No. 9, Union.	No. 10, Kamloops.	No. 11, Mountain.	No. 12, Cascade.	No. 13, Spallumcheen.	No. 14, Hiram.	No. 15, Kootenay.	No. 16, Pacific.	No. 17, King Solomon.	TOTAL.
Funds and Property.....	\$ 7864 15 8612 90	\$ 12965 07 316 80 1411 55	\$ 46500 00 1618 00 756 63 1200 00 881 14 524 28 364 69 1919 08	\$ 430 45 80115 03											
Relief to Member.....	56 37	20 10	300 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	376 72
" Widows.....	10 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
" Transients.....	120 90	135 50	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	291 50
Funerals of Members.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES OF REVENUES.

NAME.	Number.	LOCATION.	Membership @ \$1.25 each.	Initiations @ \$1 each.	Passings @ \$1.00 each.	Raising @ \$1.00 each.	Aff. @ \$1.00 each.	M. M. Diplomas @ \$2.00 each.	Dispensations. @ \$20.00 each.	Charters @ \$20.00 each.	Total to Grand Lodge.
Victoria-Columbia.....	1	Victoria	\$ 216 25	\$ 7 00	\$12 00	\$13 00	\$ 4 00	\$26 00	\$ 2 50	.....	\$ 286 75
Vancouver-Quadra.....	2	Victoria	135 00	2 00	10 00	9 00	4 00	18 00	17 00	.....	205 50
Ashlar.....	3	Nanaimo	131 25	7 00	7 00	6 00	4 00	14 00	20 00	.....	189 25
Cariboo.....	4	Barkerville	30 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	33 00
Mount Hermon.....	7	Vancouver	113 75	6 00	4 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	10 00	.....	148 75
Union.....	9	New Westminster	116 25	5 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	18 00	2 50	.....	163 75
Kamloops.....	10	Kamloops	47 50	6 00	6 00	7 00	6 00	14 00	15 00	.....	100 50
Mountain.....	11	Donald	58 75	10 00	10 00	8 00	1 00	16 00	12 50	.....	116 25
Cascade.....	12	Vancouver	140 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	13 00	14 00	25 00	.....	222 20
Spallumcheen.....	13	Lansdowne	30 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	36 00
Hiram.....	14	Comox	33 75	8 00	7 00	6 00	2 00	12 00	5 00	.....	73 75
Kootenay.....	15	Revelstoke	16 25	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	22 00	5 00	.....	59 25
Pacific.....	16	Mission	51 25	15 00	19 00	16 00	2 00	32 00	12 50	.....	147 75
King Solomon.....	17	New Westminster	36 25	15 00	12 00	11 00	3 00	22 00	.....	20 00	119 25
Doric.....	.....	Nanaimo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	30 00	.....	46 00
Ionic.....	.....	Chilliwack .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Miriam.....	.....	Vernon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1991 75

TABULAR STATEMENT

OF THE WORK OF THE SEVERAL SUBORDINATE LODGES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, A. F. & A. M.

From 1st March, 5892, to 28th February, 5893.

Lodge.	Number.	Post Office.	Total on Roll. 1st March, 5892.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Dimitted.	Restored.	Suspen'd for Non- payment of Dues.	Suspen'd for Un- maasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Rejected.	Ent'd Apprentice.	Fellow Craft.	Master Masons, 1st March, 5893.	Total No. on Roll.	SECRETARY.
Vict. Columbia.	1	Victoria.	178	7	12	13	4	13	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	173	176	C. D. Mason.
Vanc. Quadra.	2	Victoria.	115	12	10	9	4	5	..	..	..	..	6	2	5	0	108	115	R. A. Brown.
Ashlar.	3	Nanaimo.	96	7	7	7	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	0	105	108	C. C. McKenzie.
Cariboo.	4	Barkerville	24	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	James Stone.	
Mt. Hermon	7	Vancouver	89	6	4	3	6	6	..	6	..	..	..	3	2	2	91	95	Talbot Ward.
Union.	9	N. West'r.	101	5	8	8	2	12	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	93	96	Wm. McColl.
Kamloops.	10	Kamloops.	33	5	6	6	2	5	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	38	38	E. S. Wood.	
Mountain.	11	Donald	41	10	10	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	47	50	C. N. Micaulay.
Cascade.	12	Vancouver	97	8	6	6	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	12	122	H. H. Watson.
Spallumcheen.	13	Lansdowne.	25	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	26	26	J. M. Wright.	
Hiram.	14	Comox.	22	8	7	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	27	29	W. J. Young.
Kootenay	15	Revelstoke	14	6	6	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	13	15	Morgan David.
Pacific.	16	Mission	25	15	19	16	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	4	33	41	J. H. Schofield.
King Solomon.	17	N. West'r.	..	15	12	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	1	29	33	J. B. Ballentyne.

RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges	14
Initiated in all Lodges	96
Passed " "	109
Raised " "	99
Affiliated from without	41
" " within	5
Demitted	56
Died	9
Suspended	12
Restored	2
Expelled	
Rejected	30
Diplomas issued	116
Dispensations to wear Regalia in public	9
" for Degrees	4
" otherwise	7
" For new Lodges	3
Members on Roll	968
Increase over last year	108
Total Receipts from all sources	8 1991 75
Increase of Revenue over last year	344 75
Total Funds and Property of all Lodges, as per Returns	80115 03
" Relief to Members	76 72
" " Transient Brethren	291 50
" Funerals of Members	59 00

DIPLOMAS ISSUED.

591 Stapley, Tobias	Pacific,	No. 16
592 Long, Robt. Jno.	"	" 16
593 Tretheway, Arthur	"	" 16
594 Hunter, Thos. Chas.	Union,	" 9
595 Sharp, Richard Prior	"	" 9
596 Robertson, Fred'k V	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
597 Ross, Murdock G.	Kamloops	" 10
598 Aconley, Wm.	Mt. Hermon,	" 7
599 Wize, Arthur J.	Union,	" 9
600 Roeser, Fred'k.	Kootenay,	" 15
601 Christie, Fred'k G.	"	" 15
602 Kirkup, John.	"	" 15
603 Teetzel, Wm. Fred'k	"	" 15
604 Bradford, Fred'k F.	"	" 15
605 David, Morgan	"	" 15
606 Fraser, Fred'k.	"	" 15
607 Ballantyne, Jas. B.	King Solomon,	" 17

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608	Nelson, Nels	King Solomon,	No. 17
609	Scouler, Thomas	"	" 17
610	Hopgood, John	Mountain,	" 11
611	Turner, John A.	Kamloops,	" 10
612	Williams, C. T.	Mount Hermon,	" 7
613	McRae, Alexander	Union,	" 9
614	Hardie, George	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
615	Sinclair, Duncan	"	" 2
616	Schofield, James H.	Pacific,	" 16
617	Wright, Jas. M.	Spallumcheen,	" 13
618	Watson, Harry H.	Cascade,	" 12
619	Downes, Thos. W.	Pacific,	" 16
620	Ritchie, Robt.	"	" 16
621	Redgrave, Stephen	Mountain,	" 11
622	Patmore, Richard Wm.	"	" 11
623	Chrisolm, Matthew H.	Union,	" 9
624	Sharp, Kendrick	Victoria-Columbia,	" 1
625	Fletcher, Ormond	"	" 1
626	Jones, A. McNabb	"	" 1
627	Elliott, Jno. George	"	" 1
628	Burns, Wm. Carr	"	" 1
629	Horne, Adam H.	Ashlar,	" 3
630	Beckensell, Thos.	Hiram,	" 14
631	Slater, Chas. R.	Kamloops,	" 10
632	Bertram, Henry A.	Ashlar,	" 3
633	Catteral, Thos.	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
634	Mack, James	Kamloops,	" 10
635	Macaulay, Chas. H.	Mountain,	" 11
636	McLeod, John	"	" 11
637	Stirrell, Josiah N.	"	" 11
638	McDougal, John	Kamloops,	" 10
639	Whyte, John C.	Union,	" 9
640	Bowell, Jno. M.	Cascade,	" 12
641	Browne, Loftus	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
642	Bond, Edwin J.	Pacific,	" 16
643	Graham, Robt.	Hiram,	" 14
644	Magnesen, Theo. M.	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
645	Muschamp, Emerson	Hiram,	" 14
646	Dillon, Chas. F.	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
647	Holmes, Jonathan	Ashlar,	" 3
648	Moore, Chas. Joseph	Hiram,	" 14
649	Cock, Fred'k L.	"	" 14
650	McKenzie, Wm. G.	Victoria-Columbia	" 1
651	Anderson, Jno. Robt.	"	" 1
652	Rooke, George V.	"	" 1
953	Evans, Richard	Cascade,	" 12
654	Moss, Thos. F.	Ashlar,	" 3

655 Scott, Robt. H.	Doric,	U. D.
656 Norton, Wm. H.	"	"
657 Fraser, Alexander	Hiram,	No. 14
658 Forin, Jno. A.	Union,	" 9
659 Annandale, Thos. S.	"	" 9
660 Dragolovich, Christopher.	Cascade,	" 12
661 Bragg, Wm. Thos.	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
662 Linton, Andrew	Mount Hermon,	" 7
663 Gatewood, Chas. H.	Cascade,	" 12
664 Brown, Thos. H.	Victoria-Columbia	" 1
665 Innes, Harry M.	" "	" 1
666 Jones, Chas. F.	" "	" 1
667 Hall, John.	" "	" 1
668 Brett, Robt. E.	" "	" 1
669 Boggiano, Dominico	Ashlar,	" 3
670 Dawson, W. J.	Union,	" 9
671 Donnelly, Hamillon.	Kootenay,	" 15
672 Temple, Chas. H.	"	" 15
673 Paul, Alexander	"	" 15
674 Randall, Arthur	"	" 15
675 Parris, Edward	Pacific,	" 16
676 Hogg, William	"	" 16
677 Bain, Alexander	"	" 16
678 Gourlay, James	"	" 16
679 Stewart, Thomas	"	" 16
680 Stewart, George	"	" 16
681 Choate, Jas. Z.	"	" 16
682 Munro, Alexander	"	" 16
683 Gourlay, Richard	"	" 16
684 Kirk, Herbert T.	King Solomon,	" 17
685 Hodge, George C.	"	" 17
686 Hayward, Charles	Vancouver-Quadra	" 2
687 Crosson, James	Doric,	U. D.
688 Pleace, John H.	"	"
689 Anderson, Alex. C.	"	"
690 McRae, Duncan A.	"	"
691 McGregor, James	"	"
692 Meakin, Fred'k C.	"	"
693 Lewis, Allan L.	King Solomon,	No. 17
694 Ferguson, Alex. H.	"	" 17
695 Peebles, Peter	"	" 17
696 Jones, Thomas	Ashlar,	" 8
697 Ross, William	"	" 3
698 Carment, Jno. J.	Kamloops,	" 10
699 McKay, Jas. A.	"	" 10
700 Dover, Jacob.	Mountain.	" 11
701 Turner, Henry B.	Cascade,	" 12

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702	McCraney, Hiram P.	Cascade,	No. 12
703	McLean, Isaac M.	King Solomon,	" 17
704	Vanstone, Wesley E.	"	" 17
705	Gifford, Thomas	"	" 17
706	Meldrum, John A.	Kamloops,	" 10



AFFILIATIONS.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>From Lodge.</i>	<i>To Lodge.</i>
Beatley, John J.	Kosmos, 7, Peru	Victoria-Col., No. 1
Cartmel, Daniel, P.M.	Cascade, 12, B. C. R.	" " 1
McFarland, Geo. P.M.	Mountain, 221, Canada.....	" " 1
Robertson, Jas. R.	Hope, 124, New Jersey	" " 1
Jenner, George	Wilson, 86, Canada.....	Van-Quadra, " 2
Muir, Alex. M.	St. Johns, 347, Scotland.....	" " 2
Campbell, John, Rev.	Manito, 90, Canada	" " 2
Ormiston, Geo.	Melrose, 12, Scotland	" " 2
Dillon, Henry A., P.M.	Malahide, 269, Ireland.....	Ashlar, " 3
Reid, James.....	Ashlar, 3,	" " 3
McCartney, Andrew	True Blue, 162, Ireland.....	" " 3
Barnes, Edward C.	Loyal Victoria, 557, England	" " 3
McKinley, James.....	Signal, 141, Kansas	" " 3
Reinhard, William	Innocents, 224, Scotland	Cariboo, " 4
Anderson, Chas.	Nipissing, 42C, Canada	Mt. Hermon, " 7
Leslie, Chas.	St. James, 653, Scotland.....	" " 7
Smith, Jas. B.	St. Andrews, 465, Scotland..	" " 7
Scott, Thos.	Mariners, 249, England	" " 7
Stretch, Thos. P.	Bernard, 225, Canada.....	" " 7
Wetzel, C. C. H.	Mountain, 11, B. C.	Union, " 9
Spencer, Oliph.	Acacia, 34, Nebraska.....	" " 9
McDougall, J. M.	Truth, 1458, England.....	Kamloops, " 10
Davis, Ernest	Strict Observance, 27, Canada	Mountain, " 11
Buscombe, Fred'k.	Union, 9, B. C.	Cascade, " 12
Ferguson, Robt. C.	Northern Light, 10, Manitoba	" " 12
Garden, Geo. F. Lee	St. Johns, 105, Copacaugas ..	" " 12
Hopkirk, Henry	St. Johns, 159, Canada	" " 12
Lough, Wm.	St. James, 74, Canada.....	" " 12
Miller, Jos. E.	Patrick, 117, Scotland.....	" " 12
Sterling, David.....	Sterling, 69, Canada.....	" " 12
Turner, John	Kilwinning, Scotland.....	Hiram, " 14
Whyte, James.....	Cedar, 396, Canada.....	" " 14
McKim, James.....	Chandos, 1150, England.....	Pacific, " 16
Baiss, James.....	Hope, 75, Colorado	" " 16
Jones, E. S.	Minas, 67, Nova Scotia.....	King Solomon " 17
Boggs, G. W.	St. Martins, 30, New Bruns'k	" " 17
Brown, B. B.	St. John, 3, Canada	" " 17
Sampson, Thos.	Union, 9, B. C.	" " 17
Technor, Hermann C.		

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Progress and prosperity has been the watchword of our Subordinate Lodges during the year and while some of their returns show less work done than the previous term, to the advent of a dread epidemic can without doubt be attributed the cause, still in no other year has there been such an increase or demand for both admission, and the requests for Dispensations to form new Lodges throughout the jurisdiction generally.

SECRETARIES.

I again can refer with gratification to the promptness and business ability that has in almost every case characterized our secretaries of subordinate Lodges in their transactions with this office. I regret that I cannot include the entire list in my foregoing remarks. Two of our Lodges however possess men with whom transactions have been anything but satisfactory. I am lead to fear some Lodges do not attach the importance to the office its responsibility deserves.

I cannot explain my opinion on this subject better than to quote from my talented confrere Bro. Deihl of Utah, who says:—"The Secretary is the business manager of the Lodge, and he must conduct that business on business principles. In many respects the welfare of the Lodge depends more upon the Secretary than upon the Master. Show me a live industrious Secretary—one who has the business of the Lodge in his head; who has the interest of the Lodge at heart; who collects the dues promptly—and I will show you a live and prosperous Lodge."

In conclusion I must express my thanks to the M.W. Grand Master for his many acts of kindness and courtesy during the year and his unceasing efforts to aid in and make pleasant the constantly increasing work pertaining to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. Quinlan
Grand Sec'y

W. J. QUINLAN, GRAND SECRETARY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

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July 17	To Doric Lodge, Dispensation Fee	\$ 30 00
Mar. 14	" Mountain Lodge, No. 11, Dues 1892-93	116 25
" 18	" Cariboo " " "	33 00
" 30	" Ionic Lodge, Dispensation Fee	31 00
Apr. 16	" Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, Dues, '92-93	110 50
" 25	" Mt. Hermon " 7, " "	148 75
" 27	" Cascade " 12, " "	212 00
" 28	" King Sol'mn " 17, warrant	20 00
May 1	" Hiram " 17, Dues, '92-3	99 25
" 6	" Union " Dispensation Fee	30 00
" 6	" Spallumc'en " 9, Dues, '92-3	163 75
" 10	" Ashlar " 13, " "	36 00
" 15	" Doric " 3, " "	189 25
" 24	" Van-Quadra " U. D. Diplomas	16 00
June 2	" Victoria-Col. " No. 2, Dues, '92-3	205 50
" 7	" Hiram " 1, " "	280 75
" 21	" Kootenay " 14, " "	73 75
" 22	" Pacific " 15, " "	59 25
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Nov. 21	By Grand Treasurer, Receipt 1	\$ 30 00
Mar. 18	" " 2	116 25
Apr. 17	" " 3	163 50
" 29	" " 4	480 00
May 10	" " 5	383 00
" 26	" " 6	205 50
June 2	" " 7	290 75
" 7	" " 8	89 75
" 21	" " 9	95 25
" 22	" " 10	147 75

W. J. QUINLAN, Grand Secretary.

\$1991 75

Moved by W. Bro. DeWolf Smith, seconded by W. Bro. Jos. E. Phillips, and resolved: That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to a special committee.

The W. M. Grand Master appointed V. W. Bro. McLaren, W. Bros. Northcott and Cope, as the committee.

The V. W. Grand Treasurer presented a statement duly audited, of the Finances of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was resolved that the Grand Treasurer's statement be received and printed with the proceedings.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, GRAND TREASURER.

In account with the Charity Fund of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of B. C.

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1892.	
July 1 To Balance brought over from last Masonic year	\$5596 48
5 " Interest on balance in Green, Worlock & Co.'s bank to 1st July	40 48
1893.	
April 17 " Repayment of part of money advanced to Grand Lodge	300 00
" 29 " Repayment on balance of same	100 00
" 29 " Interest in full on same	10 00
June 9 " Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, 12 mos. int. on loan of \$1300 to 28 June, 6 per cent.	114 00
" 10 " Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, repayment of account of same	800 00
" 10 1/2 " Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 120, 12 mos. int. to 28 June 1893	126 00
" 21 " Grand Lodge, 10 per cent. total income of Pacific Lodge	199 12
" 22 " Interest from Pacific Lodge, No. 15, to August	32 25
" 22 " Interest on balance in Bank to 30 June	40 63
	<u>\$7388 96</u>
1893.	
June 24 To Balance brought forward, E. & O. E.	\$5514 96

1892.	
July 7 By Order No. 101, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3	\$ 10 00
" 7 " " No. 102, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7	5 00
Aug. 10 " Loan to Pacific Lodge, No. 16, mission secured on lot and hall, and insured for \$1500 for 5 years at 6 1/2 per cent.	500 00
Nov. 24 " Loan to G. Lodge No. 1 demand at 6 per cent	400 00
1893.	
Feb. 27 " Order No. 99, Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1	82 25
June 8 " No. 140, Vancouver-Quadra " No. 2	45 00
" " Government Loan to Pacific Lodge, No. 16, and money order	1 75
" 10 " Deposit in Green, Worlock & Co.'s bank	800 00
" 22 " Balance, C. R. A. Chapter, 1 note for \$2400	
" Vancouver-Quadra, 1 " for	1100
" " Balance in Green, Worlock & Co.'s bank	—\$8200 00
" " Balance in Green, Worlock & Co.'s bank	2314 96
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Victoria, B. C., June 22nd 1893.

Fraternally submitted,

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Grand Treasurer.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 22nd, 1893.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :

Your Grand Treasurer in presenting you with an abstract of the transactions of his office, is pleased to report that the receipts of the Grand Lodge have increased this year from \$1,583.75 in 1891 to \$1,991.75 for 1892, thus showing an increase of \$408.00 over the receipts of last year, and the balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge in bank has increased from \$453.73 to \$980.40, or an increase of \$526.67.

CHARITY FUND.

In accordance with authority of the M. W. Grand Lodge, I have loaned the sum of \$500.00 for five years at $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on security of the hall and ground owned by Pacific Lodge, No. 16, at Mission City.

Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, have paid off \$800.00 on their loan, thus leaving due only \$1,100.00. The loan to Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 120, remains unchanged.

The assets of the Charity Fund at this communication stand as follows :

Two notes of \$1,100.00 and \$2,100.00 respectively, at	
6 per cent per annum.....	\$3,200 00
Mortgage on Pacific Lodge, No. 16, property.....	500 00
Cash in bank at 5 per cent.....	2,314 96
Total	\$6,014 96
The assets last year amounted to.....	\$5,596 48
Thus showing an increase over last year of....	\$ 418 48

Your Treasurer would like to be authorized to invest the balance in bank at a more remunerative rate than 5 per cent. on mortgage, if the Grand Lodge so directs.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Grand Treasurer.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on the Grand Master's Address :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia :

We, your committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, beg to report as follows :

1. We observe with feelings of gratification the success which has attended the affairs of the Craft during the past year.

2. In conjunction with the M. W. Grand Master, we feel assured that Masons throughout the jurisdiction will ever treasure in their memory the work so ably performed by the late V. W. Bro. M. W. Waitt, Past Grand Treasurer, and the zeal and ability so often displayed by our late Bro. W. R. Brown, S. W., of Victoria-Columbia Lodge.

3. We note with pleasure the growth of Lodges numerically by the number of dispensations which the Grand Master in his discretion has been fit to issue. We feel assured that he has wisely considered the question of granting Charters to the Lodges enumerated, and trust the Grand Lodge may fit to carry out his recommendations.

4. With regard to the petitions for the formation of "St. John's" and "Acacia" Lodges, we commend the great care the Grand Master has exercised in the interest of the Craft, but as the petitions are to be laid before you for consideration, we consider an expression of opinion regarding them premature.

5. The increased work which has devolved upon the M. W. Grand Master is especially to be noted by the number of Special Communications and official visitations which he has made. It must be a matter of gratification to him to know that he was the first Grand Master to visit officially "Golden Cariboo." We can appreciate the feelings with which the Masonic Pioneers of that District would welcome him.

6. Regarding the numerous and important decisions rendered during the year, your committee feel that whilst they concur with the rulings expressed the importance of such decisions render it necessary that in future they should be referred to the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence in preference to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

7. We endorse the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master. That fraternal recognition be extended to the newly organized Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

8. We are pleased to note, that the work of the Subordinate

Lodges as to "Ritual" is improving. We are of opinion that the Grand Master's recommendation for a Special Communication for the purpose of securing more uniformity is worthy of the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge. We favorably recommend an appropriation for the purpose of exemplifying the work at Cariboo and Comox, but deem the sum named (viz.: \$200) insufficient.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. BEAVEN,
ALEX. CHARLESON,
D. CARTMEL.

22nd June, 1893.

On motion it was resolved :

That the report be received, considered clause by clause and the committee discharged, with thanks.

The report was then discussed by clauses, and severally adopted and the entire report ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

We your committee to whom was referred the address of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, note with regret his illness during the past year, but are gratified to learn that his health is almost entirely restored. From intimate acquaintance we feel assured that had it not been that an All Wise Providence had laid an afflicting hand upon him his labors would have been performed with his usual zeal.

ROBT. BEAVEN,
ALEX. CHARLESON,
D. CARTMEL.

JUNE 22, 1893.

Resolved, that the report be received and printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the Report of the V. W. Grand Secretary, desire to express their congratulations at the evidence

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it furnishes of the progress made during the past year, and the satisfactory condition of the Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction. They recommend a further appropriation of sixty dollars to complete the work of binding the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

E. D. McLAREN,
F. COPE,
W. W. NORTHCOTT.

On motion it was resolved that the report be received, adopted and printed, and the committee discharged. Carried.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VICTORIA, June 22, 1893.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Finance Committee have the honor to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the accounts correct.

WM. K. LEIGHTON,
G. THOMAS,
THOS. B. PEARSON.

On motion it was resolved that the Report of the Committee on Finance be received, printed, and the committee discharged. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Charity Committee beg to report as follows:—Having examined the returns, we find the amounts disbursed for charitable purposes by the several Lodges insufficient to necessitate any refund except in the case of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3. We recommend that a special grant of one hundred and fifty dollars be granted from the Charity Fund to said Ashlar Lodge.

R. B. KELLY,
G. THOMAS,
F. COPE.

On motion it was resolved, that the report be received and adopted, and the recommendation as to Ashlar Lodge be carried out. Carried.

The Report of the Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to take the matter of unification of Ritual into consideration was read.

REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., British Columbia:

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of Uniformity of Ritual in this Jurisdiction, beg to report, that after due consideration of the question they recommend that no change be made in the Work as now practiced by existing Lodges.

That all Lodges which shall hereafter be inaugurated be required to select and work one of the three Rituals now practiced in this Jurisdiction, i.e.:

"The English" as practiced by Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.

"The Scotch" as practiced by Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

"The Canadian" as practiced by Cascade Lodge, No. 12.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS WOLFE,
Chairman.

A. R. MILNE,
JNO. S. CLUTE,
B. WILLIAMS.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is read: On motion it is resolved that the Report be received and printed with the Review of Foreign Correspondence. Carried.

MASONIC BURIAL SERVICE.

None but Master Masons are entitled to be buried with the formalities of the Order, nor can any of lower rank take part in the proceedings of a Masonic burial.

The Brethren must be decently clothed in black, with crape upon the left arm, the proper Masonic clothing of their rank, and white gloves.

The Lodge shall be opened in the third degree of Masonry, and the M. W. shall announce the object for which it has been called.

In the event of more Lodges than one taking part in the ceremony, and opening in different Lodge Rooms, the first portion of the service need only be said in that Lodge of which the deceased Brother was a member, or in the Lodge having charge of the burial. The other Lodges will open, and, after the W. M. has announced the object of the meeting, immediately form in procession.

The Lodge having been declared duly open, and the W. M. having announced the purpose of the meeting, he shall call the Brethren to order, and the service shall proceed as follows :

W. M.—What man is he that liveth and shall not see death ?

RESPONSE.—Man walketh in a vain shadow, he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

W. M.—When he dieth he shall carry nothing away, his glory shall not descend after him.

RESPONSE.—Naked came he into the world, and naked he must return.

W. M.—The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord.

RESPONSE.—Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

W. M.—I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord ; even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Here may be sung, at the discretion of the W. M., the following Hymn :

Solemn strikes the fun'ral chime,
Notes of our departing time ;
So we journey here below,
Through a pilgrimage of woe.

Here another guest we bring ;
Seraphs of celestial wing,
To our fun'ral altar come
Wafe our friend and brother home.

Lord of all ! below—above—
 Fill our hearts with truth and love ;
 When dissolves our earthly tie,
 Take us to Thy Lodge on high.

The W. M. here receives a roll from the Secretary, and inscribes upon it the name, age, and Masonic rank of the deceased, and says :

Almighty Father, unto Thy hands we commend the soul of our departed Brother.

RESPONSE.—(Repeated three times, with the grand honors.) The Will of GOD is accomplished ! So mote it be ! Amen !

The W. M. then deposits the roll in the archives of the Lodge, and proceeds :

W. M.—Most gracious God, great architect of the universe, author of all good, and giver of all mercy, pour down, we implore Thee, Thy blessings upon us, and grant that the solemnity of this occasion may bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love. May the present instance of mortality forcibly remind us all of our approaching and inevitable destiny, and weaning our affections from the things of this world, fix them more devotedly on Thee, our only sure refuge in the hour of need, and grant, O God, that when the awful summons shall arise for us to quit our transitory lodge on earth, the light which is from above may dispel the gloomy darkness of death, and departing hence with a full hope of a resurrection, and in charity with all men, we may, through Thy favor, be admitted to Thy celestial lodge on high, to partake in peaceful re-union with the souls of our departed Brethren, the mysterious and unspeakable happiness of Thine everlasting kingdom.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

The procession is then formed. If more Lodges than one are in attendance, they shall rank according to seniority, the junior preceding, and each Lodge forming one division, in the following order :

The Tyler, with drawn sword.

Two Stewards, with white wands.

The Brethren, two and two, in order of seniority.

The Inner Guard, with a sword.

The Deacons, with wands.

Secretary and Treasurer.

The Wardens.

Past Masters.

The Worshipful Master.

Then shall follow the Lodge of which deceased was a member, or the Lodge having charge of the funeral, the members carrying sprigs of evergreen, in the following order :

Musicians.

Tyler, with drawn sword.

Stewards, with white wands.

The Brethren, in order of seniority.

Secretary and Treasurer.

The Wardens.

Past Masters.

The Holy Writings, on a cushion, covered with black cloth, carried by the oldest member of the Lodge.

The Chaplain.

The Master, supported by the Deacons, one on either side, carrying white wands.

The Coffin, with the regalia of the deceased thereon, and Pall Bearers on either side.

The Mourners.

When the procession arrives within convenient distance of the grave, or at the gate of the Cemetery, the Brethren will halt, and open out right and left, and face inwards, to allow the latter part of the procession to pass between them, in the following order :

The Chaplain.

The Master.

The Coffin.

The Mourners.

The Members of Deceased's Lodge in reverse order.

The other Lodges in reverse order.

If only one Lodge is in attendance, the second order of procession above described shall be the order ; all visiting brethren being placed immediately after the Stewards.

On arriving at the grave, the members of the Lodge having charge of the funeral, will form a circle around it, the officers standing at the head, the mourners at the foot of the grave. The W. M. proceeds as follows :

Once more, my Brethren, have we assembled to perform the last sad and solemn duties to the dead. The mournful notes which betoken the departure of a spirit from its earthly tabernacle have again alarmed our

outer door, and another has been taken to swell the numbers in that unknown land whither our fathers have gone before us.

Our brother has reached the end of life. The brittle thread which bound him to earth has been severed; and the liberated spirit has winged its flight to the unknown world. The silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken; the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel is broken at the cistern. The dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit has returned to God who gave it.

While we deplore the loss of our beloved Brother, and pay the fraternal tribute to his memory, let us not forget, my Brethren, that we, too, are mortal; that our bodies, now so strong and vigorous, must ere long, like his, become tenants of the narrow grave, and that our spirits, too, like his, must return to the God who spake them into existence. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." The Almighty FIAT has gone forth—"Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return,"—and that we are all subject to that dread decree, the solemn cause of our present meeting, the daily observation of our lives, and the mournful mounds which indicate this population of the dead, furnish evidence not to be forgotten.

Seeing then, my Brethren, that life is so uncertain and that all earthly pursuits are vain, let us no longer postpone the all important concern of preparing for eternity; but let us embrace the present moment, while time and opportunity offer to provide against that great change when all the pomps and pleasures of this fleeting world will pall upon the sense, and the recollections of a virtuous and well-spent life will yield the only comfort and consolation. Thus we shall not be hurried, unprepared, into the presence of that all-wise and powerful Judge, to whom the secrets of all hearts are known; and on the great day of reckoning we shall be ready to give a good account of our stewardship while here on earth.

The following invocations are then rehearsed by the Master, and responded to by the Brethren.

MASTER.—May we be true and faithful and may we live and die in love.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be!

MASTER.—May we profess only that which is good, and may we always act in accordance with our profession!

RESPONSE.—So mote it be!

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MASTER.—May the Lord bless us and prosper us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

MASTER.—Glory to God in the highest ! on earth peace, good will toward men.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be, henceforth and forever more. Amen.

The apron is then taken from the coffin and handed to the W. M. The coffin is deposited in the grave, and the W. M. continues :

The lambskin apron of a Mason is more ancient than the Golden Fleece, or Roman Eagle, and when worthily worn, more honorable than the Garter, or any other order in existence. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our brother. Let it testify that neither innocence nor honor can interpose between us and the universal dominion of death.

This evergreen (taking the sprig of acacia in his hand) is an emblem of the immortality of the soul. Let it remind us of our high and glorious destiny beyond the world of shadows, and of that imperishable and immortal spirit within us, which the grave shall never receive, and over which death can have no power.

The Officers of the Lodge (and all the Brethren, if it can conveniently be done) then move around the grave, depositing therein the sprigs of evergreen ; after which, the W. M. leading, the public grand honors are given thrice, the Brethren repeating each time : The will of God is accomplished ! So mote it be !

W. M.—From time immemorial it has been a custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother, to accompany his remains to the place of interment, and there to deposit them with the usual formalities. In conformity with this usage, and at the desire of our deceased Brother, whose loss we deplore, and whose memory we revere, we have assembled in the character of Masons to resign his body to the earth, whence it came, and to offer up to his memory before the world this last tribute of affection, thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our esteem for him, and our inviolable attachment to the principles of our Order.

Unto the grave we have consigned the body of our deceased Brother—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—there to remain until the last trumpet shall sound on the resurrection morn. We can trustfully leave him in the hands of that beneficent Being who has done all things well, and who is glorious in His holiness, wondrous in His power, and boundless in His goodness ; and our endeavor should be so to improve

the solemn warning now before us, that on the great day of account, we too may be found worthy to inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

W. M.—Almighty and most merciful God, in whom we live and move and have our being, and before whom all men must hereafter appear, to render an account of the deeds done in the body, we most earnestly beseech Thee, as we now surround the grave of our departed Brother, deeply to impress upon our minds the solemnities of this day. May we ever remember that in the midst of life we are in death, and so live and act our separate parts that when the hour of our departure is at hand, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

Then shall be said by all the Brethern the prayer, Our Father, etc.

Then may be sung, at the discretion of the W. M., the following Hymn :

Almighty Maker of my frame,
Teach me the measure of my days,
Teach me to know how frail I am,
And spend the remnant of Thy praise

My days are shorter than a span ;
A little point my life appears :
How frail, at best, is dying man !
How vain are all his hopes and fears !

Vain his ambition, noise, and show ;
Vain are the cares which reck his mind ;
He heaps up treasures mix'd with woe,
And dies and leaves them all behind.

O be a nobler portion mine !
My God, I bow before Thy throne ;
Earth's fleeting treasures I resign,
And fix my hope on Thee alone.

Benediction.—The Lord bless us and keep us : the Lord make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

RESPONSE.—Amen. So mote it be !

The procession will then reform and return to the Lodge Room, and the Lodge will be closed in the customary manner.

PROPOSED BURIAL SERVICE.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the Grand
Lodge of British Columbia, A. F. & A. M.:*

We, the Committee appointed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge to revise the Burial Service, beg to report that we have met and carefully compared the various services in use in this jurisdiction, and the service authorized by the Grand Lodge of Canada. We have culled from these various services that which we have thought most edifying. We have excluded a number of passages which appeared to us to lengthen, without adopting the service, and we have inserted the prayer, "Our Father," which we deem to be one of such universal acceptance, that any religious service whatever is incomplete without it. We append hereto the result of our labors, which we dutifully and respectfully submit for your consideration.

A. W. SILLITOE, P. G. C.

SIBREE CLARKE, G. S. W.

R. B. KELLY, P. G. S. W.

Grand Lodge is called off till 8:30 p. m.

IN GRAND LODGE.

FIRST DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

8.30 P. M.

Communications are read from the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, New Zealand.

Moved by M. W. Bro. E. C. Baker, seconded by M. W.

Bro. Clute, That the Communication just read from the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, be received, suitably acknowledged by the Grand Secretary, and referred to Committee of Foreign Correspondence for necessary comment, and fyled. Carried.

Is read a Communication from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, regarding recognition and an exchange of Masonic courtesies.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Wolfe, seconded by R. W. Bro. Russell, it was resolved: That recognition be accorded and an exchange of Representatives arranged. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the next order of business were the election of office bearers for the ensuing year, and called Grand Lodge off for fifteen minutes.

Labor being resumed, the M. W. Grand Master appointed R. W. Bro. Kelly, R. W. Bro. Russell, and W. Bro. De Wolf Smith as scrutineers.

The Grand Secretary polled the vote aided by the scrutineers, and reported the following votes present:

Lodge No.	1	17
"	2	9
"	3	5
"	4	3
"	7	5
"	9	11
"	10	3
"	12	11
"	13	2
"	15	2
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The Election resulted as follows :

Name.	Lodge.	Rank.
Bro. Sibree Clarke, M. D....	10	M. W. Grand Master.
" Robt. B. McMicking...	2	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Lacey R. Johnson.....	13	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
" Alexander Charleson...	9	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
" E. D. McLaren.....	12 re-elected	V. W. Grand Chaplain.
" H. F. Heisterman.....	2 re-elected	V. W. Grand Treasurer.
" W. J. Quinlan.....	1 re-elected	V. W. Grand Secretary.
" Geo. A. Dow.....	2 re-elected	W. Grand Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Master declared the above named Brethren elected to fill the respective offices for the current year, and called upon Grand Lodge to salute them with Grand Honors.

Grand Lodge is called off till 10:30 o'clock Friday morning.

IN GRAND LODGE.

FRIDAY, 23RD—SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

At 10:30 a. m. the M. W. Grand Master announced the order of business to be the Installation of Officers, and proceeded to install Sibree Clarke, M. D., as Grand Master Mason of the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, according to due and Ancient Ceremony; W. Bro. W. W. Northcott acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The installation being completed, M. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke after being duly proclaimed and saluted, installed the other elected and appointed officers.

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NAME.	LODGE.	RANK.
Bro. Dr. Sibree Clarke.....	10	M. W. Grand Master.
" R. B. McMicking.....	2	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Lacey R. Johnson.....	12	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
" Alexander Charleson.....	9	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
" Rev. E. D. McLaren.....	12	V. W. Grand Chaplain.
" H. F. Heisterman.....	2	V. W. Grand Treasurer.
" W. J. Quinlan.....	1	V. W. Grand Secretary.
" Geo. A. Dow.....	2	W. Grand Tyler.
" Gabriel Thomas.....	7	W. Grand Senior Deacon.
" Benjamin Williams.....	1	W. Grand Junior Deacon.
" W. A. Duncan.....	9	W. Grand Supt. of Works.
" John W. Coburn.....	3	W. Grand Dir. Cer.
" M. McGregor.....	1	W. Grand Marshal.
" J. B. Johnson.....	9	W. Grand Sword Bearer.
" Alex. W. Fraser.....	17	W. Grand Stan'd Bearer.
" W. A. DeWolfe Smith.....	9	W. Grand Organist.
" Geo. W. Clinton.....	14	W. Grand Pursuivant.
" Robt. Howson.....	15	W. Grand Steward.
" W. R. Dunn.....	16	" " "
" Norman McLeod.....	13	" " "
" A. G. M. Spragg.....	11	" " "

The Grand Master then announced the appointment of the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. J. Munroe Miller.....	Lodge No. 2.....	District No. 1
" " Walter O. Miller.....	" No. 12.....	" No. 2
" " W. S. Ruttan.....	" No. 11.....	" No. 3
" " Jas. Stone.....	" No. 4.....	" No. 4
" " Wm. K. Leighton.....	" No. 3.....	" No. 5

And the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Marcus Wolfe.....	Ashlar,	No. 3
" A. R. Milne.....	Vancouver-Quadra,	" 2
" E. D. McLaren.....	Cascade,	" 12

FINANCE.

Bro. T. B. Pearson	Victoria- Columbia, No. 1	
" A. B. Erskine	Nancouver-Quadra, " 2	
" C. Z. Perry	Cascade, " 12	

JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. A. McKeown	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1	
" John S. Clute	Union, " 9	
" T. S. Futeher	Victoria-Columbia, " 1	

PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

Bro. C. C. McKenzie	Ashlar, No. 3	
" M. Bate	" " 3	
" John Frame	" " 3	

PRINTING AND CHARTERED LODGES.

Bro. A. St. Geo. Flint	Victoria Columbia, No. 1	
" Dixi H. Ross	Vancouver-Quadra, " 2	
" W. W. Northcott	" " 2	

CHARITY.

Bro. R. B. Kelly	Union, No. 9	
" Henry Hoy	" " 9	
" John Buie	" " 9	

CONSTITUTION.

Bro. Peter Grant	Union, No. 9	
" I. Oppenheimer	Mount Hermon, " 7	
" Wm. Manson	King Solomon, " 17	

MONEY GRANTS.

That a Special Grant from Charity Fund of Grand Lodge in favor of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, for one hundred and fifty dollars. Carried.

That an appropriation from Grand Lodge Funds of sixty dollars be made to complete the binding of proceedings for Library. Carried.

That an appropriation from Grand Lodge Funds of

fifty dollars be made to the V. W. Grand Treasurer in recognition of his valuable services in that capacity for many years. Carried.

That an appropriation of two hundred dollars from Grand Lodge Funds be made to the Lodges of Victoria. Carried.

Is read, the deferred report of the Committee instructed to prepare a suitable Burial Ritual which was laid over from last Annual Communication and had been printed and sent to all members of Grand Lodge.

Moved by M. W. Bro. Wolfe, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. C. Baker, That the Burial Service as amended be adopted and be the authorized Burial Service of this Jurisdiction. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have it printed and that copies be sent to the Subordinate Lodges. Carried.

Moved by R. W. Bro. McMicking, seconded by R. W. Bro. Manson, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Burial Ritual for their efficient services and that they be now discharged. Carried.

The Representatives of other M. W. Grand Lodges were invited before the pedestal welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and invited to seats in the Grand East.

Suitable remarks, conveying fraternal feeling and expressing appreciation for the kindness shewn, were given by those Grand Representatives present.

Before Grand Lodge were called to refreshment, the Committee on behalf of the Victoria City Lodges stated that it was the intention of these Lodges to provide a banquet at "Mount Baker" Hotel, that evening, to the Officers of Grand Lodge and visiting Brethren, and cordially invited all present to honor the hosts by their presence.

Grand Lodge called off till 1:30 p. m.

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IN GRAND LODGE.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

NEW BUSINESS.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Manson, That the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master as seen in his address as to revision and consolidation of the Constitution be carried out, and that the Committee on Constitution be instructed accordingly. Carried:

Moved by R. W. Bro. Grant, seconded by R. W. Bro. Beaven, That Bros. Baker, Wolfe, McLaren and Downie, together with the Standing Committee on Constitution be a committee of Revision and Consolidation. Carried.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

M. W. Bro. Downie asked leave in view of the fact that the Constitution was about being revised, to withdraw his notices of motion on amendments.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Kelly, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. R. Johnson, That leave be granted. Carried.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, Seconded by W. Bro. Thomas, That clause "161 a," be added to the Constitution.

151 a. That in the burial of a deceased Brother, or in the performance of other Masonic labor in public, the control of the Lodge must be absolute, and while the Lodge is exercising that control, no non Masonic organization shall be permitted to participate.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Beaven, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wolfe, in amendment, that the words after the word "absolute" be struck out and that the clause be added as amended.

(The amendment prevails.)

Moved by W. Bro. Williams, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wolfe, That clause 97, Constitution, be amended by striking out the word six in third line and substituting Twelve therefor; also by striking out the word "Masonry" in ninth line and substituting the words "his Lodge." Carried.

W. Bro. Cartmel asks leave to withdraw his notice of motions, from similar motives as stated by M. W. Bro. Downie. Leave granted.

NEW LODGES.

Is read the petition, also the abstract statement of work of Doric Lodge, Nanaimo, now under dispensation who respectfully request a warrant.

Moved by R. W. Bro. L. R. Johnson, seconded by W. Bro. Coburn, That a Warrant be granted as Doric Lodge, No. 18, B. C. R. Carried.

Is read, a similar list of documents from Ionic Lodge, Chilliwack, now under dispensation.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Russell, seconded by W. Bro. Salmon, That a Warrant be issued as Ionic Lodge, No. 19, B. C. R. Carried.

Is read, a similar list from Miriam Lodge, Vernon, now under dispensation.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Johnson, seconded by Bro. Slater, That a Warrant be issued as Miriam Lodge, No. 20, B. C. R. Carried.

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Is read, the petition of Wm. Stewart, P. G. J. W.; John Frame, Past D. D. G. M.; C. N. Westwood, P. M., and associate Brethren residing at the village of Wellington, Nanaimo District, requesting a dispensation to form a new Lodge, to be known as St. John's Lodge.

The Grand Secretary explains that this petition is brought before Grand Lodge by order of the then Grand Master M. W. Bro. Downie.

After discussion and explanation from Brethren acquainted with the conditions and circumstances, it was resolved:

That the dispensation be granted to St. John's Lodge.

Grand Lodge is called off till 10:30 a. m.

At 7 o'clock p. m. the Officers of Grand Lodge with several visiting Brethren were taken by special cars to "Mount Baker" Hotel by the officers and members of Victoria, Columbia and Vancouver and Quadra Lodges and sumptuously entertained. After the "inner man" was satisfied, toasts, responses and music was the order of the evening. All departed feeling they had enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings in their Masonic experience.

IN GRAND LODGE.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

10:30 P. M.

NEW BUSINESS.

Is read, the petition of Bros. John Gavin, John Hamilton, W. D. Brydon-Jack, and associate Brethren, for a dispensation of a new Lodge at Mount Pleasant, a suburb of Vancouver, to be known as "Acacia" Lodge.

This petition also was laid before Grand Lodge at the request of M. W. Bro. Downie, then Grand Master.

After discussion and explanations it was moved by W. Bro. A. M. Fraser, seconded by W. Bro. Northcott,

That a dispensation be granted to Acacia Lodge.

PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved, That the Twenty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held in the city of New Westminster.

Moved by R. W. Bro. McMicking, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charleson, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. Campbell and managers of the First Presbyterian Church; to the C. P. Ry. Co.; the E. & N. Ry. Co.; the C. P. N. Co., for favors conferred. Carried.

Moved by W. Bro. J. B. Johnson, seconded by W. Bro. McAllister, That the thanks of visiting Delegates be tendered to the Victoria Brethren for various courtesies and kindness. Carried.

No further business appearing, the M. W. Grand Master stated that the M. W. Grand Lodge had accepted an invitation to Lay, with Masonic honor, the Corner Stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home, and requested all Brethern who conveniently could to attend.

Grand Lodge called off till 2:30 p. m.

IN GRAND LODGE.

2:30 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master appoints the following Brethern to fill the places of absentees, viz.:

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R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Russell as Grand Senior Warden. V. W. Bro. A. W. Sillitoe, P. G. Chaplain, as Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Pearson, as Grand Superintendent of Works; W. Bro. Wm. Northcott, as Grand Sword Bearer.

The Grand Master then ordered the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a procession, which headed by the Military Band of "C" Battery, R. C. A., proceeded to the site of the proposed Edifice, where after brief addresses from several prominent citizens the Corner Stone was laid according to Ancient Masonic Custom.

The Grand Lodge Officers applied their respective implements and pronounced it "true and trusty." The M. W. Grand Master then spread the mortar with a beautiful Silver Trowel, on one side of which was engraved a portrait of their building on its completion, on the reverse side the following inscription. "Presented to Sibree Clarke, M. D., Grand Master Mason, on the occasion of Laying the Corner Stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home, Victoria, 24th June, 5893."

The Stone was consecrated with Corn, Wine and Oil, and declared Well and Truly Laid.

After a Benediction by W. Bro., The Rt. Rev. W. W. Perrin, the procession reformed and returned to the Lodge Room.

The matter of Trustees of Grand Lodge Funds was briefly discussed.

On motion, it was resolved, That M. W. Bro. E. C. Baker, W. Bro. Thos. Shotbolt and V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, be appointed Trustees. Carried.

No further business appearing, the M. W. Grand Master

expressed his thanks to the numerous visitors for their attendance at the public ceremony and called upon the Grand Chaplain to pronounce the Benediction. After which the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia was closed in AMPLE FORM, and so proclaimed in the East, South and West by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W. J. Quinlan
Grand Secty

First Six Officers of Grand Lodge from Date of Organization.

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Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master.	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Treasurer.	Secretary.
1871	L. W. Powell.....	J. F. McCreight..	S. Duck.....	Henry Nathan....	M. W. Waitt.....	* H. F. Heisterman
1872	I. W. Powell.....	J. A. Grahame....	S. Duck.....	W. R. Clarke.....	M. W. Waitt.....	* H. F. Heisterman
1873	I. W. Powell.....	J. F. McCreight..	W. Dalby.....	E. Harrison, sen..	M. W. Waitt.....	* H. F. Heisterman
1874 } 1875 }	S. Duck.....	F. Williams.....	E. Harrison, sr....	H. Brown.....	M. W. Waitt.....	* C. M. Chambers *
1876	F. Williams.....	E. Harrison, sr....	C. Thorne.....	J. G. Vinter.....	M. W. Waitt.....	* C. M. Chambers*
1877	F. Williams.....	E. Harrison, sr....	J. G. Vinter.....	* C. M. Chambers *	M. W. Waitt.....	* E. Harrison, jr.
1878	E. Harrison, sr....	J. G. Vinter.....	* C. M. Chambers *	* H. Brown.....	M. W. Waitt.....	* E. C. Baker
1879	E. Harrison, sr....	C. M. Chambers *	* H. Brown.....	E. Harrison, jr....	M. W. Waitt.....	* E. C. Baker
1880	C. M. Chambers*	C. M. Chambers *	W. T. Livock.....	E. Harrison, jr....	M. W. Waitt.....	* E. C. Baker
1881	C. M. Chambers*	H. Brown.....	H. Brown.....	E. Harrison, jr....	M. W. Waitt.....	* E. C. Baker
1882	H. Brown.....	M. Bate.....	T. Trounce.....	R. B. Kelly.....	M. W. Waitt.....	* A. R. Milne
1883	E. C. Baker.....	T. Trounce.....	R. B. Kelly.....	R. Beaven.....	M. W. Waitt.....	* A. R. Milne
1884	E. C. Baker.....	T. Trounce.....	R. Beaven.....	A. R. Milne.....	W. Dalby.....	* E. C. Neufelder
1885	T. Trounce.....	W. Dalby.....	A. R. Milne.....	J. C. Hughes.....	H. F. Heisterman.	* E. C. Neufelder
1886	W. Dalby.....	A. R. Milne.....	J. C. Hughes.....	W. Stewart.....	H. F. Heisterman.	* E. C. Neufelder
1887	A. R. Milne.....	J. S. Clute.....	D. H. Ross.....	H. Hoy.....	H. F. Heisterman.	* E. C. Neufelder
1888	A. R. Milne.....	J. S. Clute.....	H. Hoy.....	A. McKeown.....	H. F. Heisterman.	Henry Brown*
1889	J. S. Clute.....	A. McKeown.....	Marcus Wolfe.....	W. Downie.....	H. F. Heisterman.	Henry Brown*
1890	A. McKeown.....	Marcus Wolfe.....	Wm. Downie.....	S. Clarke.....	H. F. Heisterman.	Henry Brown*
1891	Marcus Wolfe.....	Wm. Downie.....	Sibree Clark.....	Peter Grant.....	H. F. Heisterman.	W. J. Quinlan
1892	Wm. Downie.....	Sibree Clark.....	Peter Grant.....	R. B. McMicking.	H. F. Heisterman.	W. J. Quinlan
1893	Sibree Clarke.....	R. B. McMicking	Lacey R. Johnson.	Alex. Charlson....	H. F. Heisterman.	W. J. Quinlan

* Deceased.

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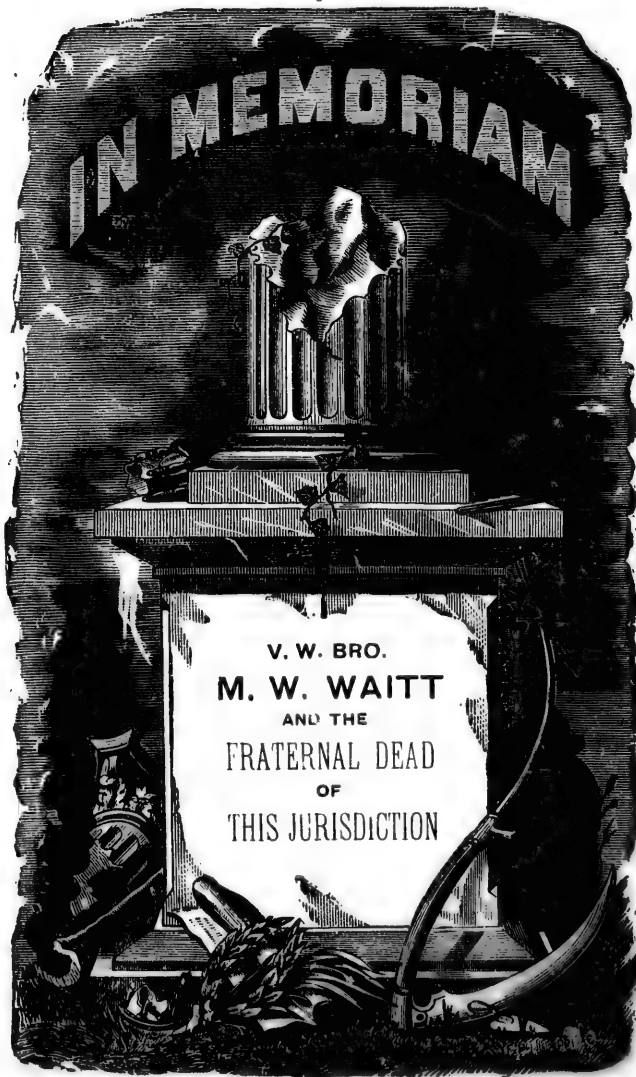
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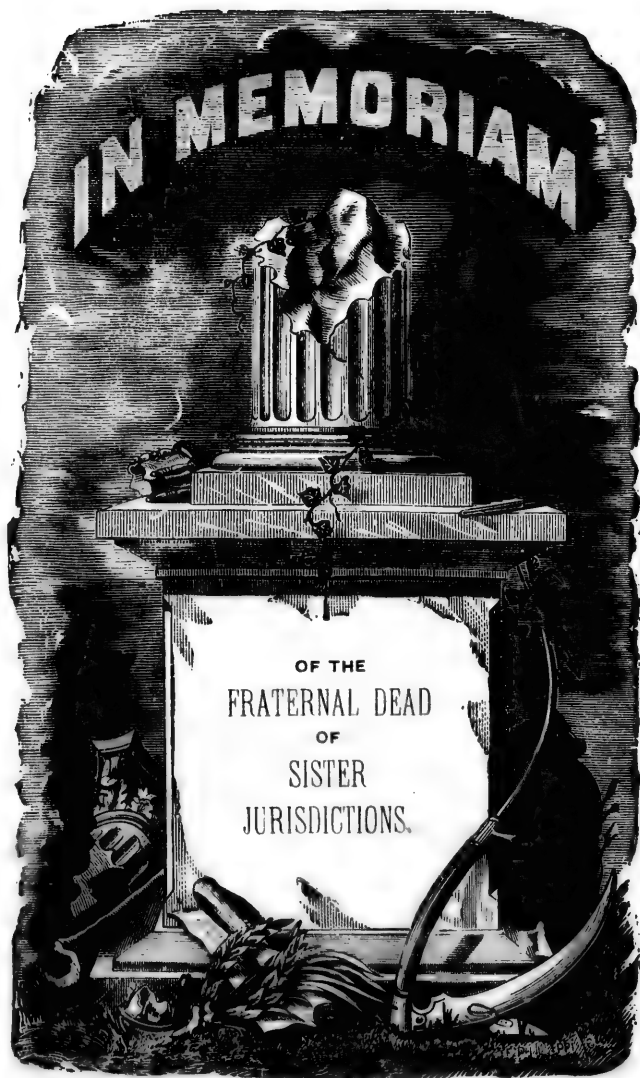
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Brazil	A. P. Mender.....	Rio de Janeiro.
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Columbia	J. M. Gran	Cartagena.
Cuba.....	Jose F. Pellon	Havana.
Hayti	J. A. Curtis	Port aux Prince.
Mexico	Emilio Canton.....	Mexico.
Peru	Jose J. Munoz.....	Vera Cruz.
San Domingo.....	L. Gibbs	San Domingo.
Uruguay	B. Conrado.....	Montevideo.
Venezuela	J. M. Medina.....	Caracas.





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DIED 10TH MAY, 1892.

CALEB McDOUGAL, - - - Lodge No. 2
DIED 13TH MAY, 1892.

M. W. WAITT, - - - Lodge No. 2
DIED 10TH JULY, 1892.

THOS. McCONNAN, - - - Lodge No. 2
DIED 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1892.

THOS. HARDING, - - - Lodge No. 2
DIED 5TH JANUARY, 1893.

JAMES A. LAIDLAW, - - - Lodge No. 9
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D. L. McDONALD, - - - Lodge No. 13
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

NANAIMO, B. C., 20th June, 1893.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., British Columbia :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence M. W. A. R. Milne, P. G. M.; V. W. the Rev. E. D. McLaren, Grand Chaplain; by its Chairman M. W. Marcus Wolfe, P. G. M., presents its first effort at an Annual Report for the year 1893.

V. W. W. J. Quinlan, Grand Secretary, has sent us copies of the following Grand Lodge Proceedings with which the Grand Lodge of British Columbia holds fraternal intercourse.

Arizona,	Nevada,
Arkansas,	New Hampshire,
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Manitoba,	Vermont,
Maryland,	Virginia,
Minnesota,	Washington,
Mississippi,	Wisconsin,
Missouri,	Wyoming,
Montana,	England,
Nebraska,	New Zealand.

There are several copies of proceedings not at hand yet, but if received in time will review them before our Annual Proceedings leave the printer. They are those of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, Ohio, Quebec, West Virginia.

I reserve any further remarks, as they will be found at the conclu-

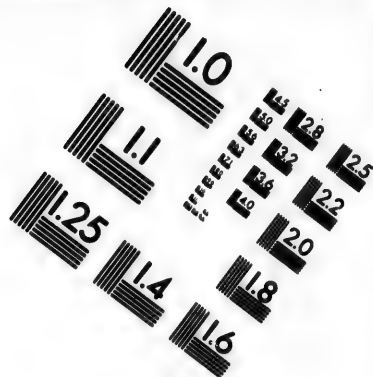
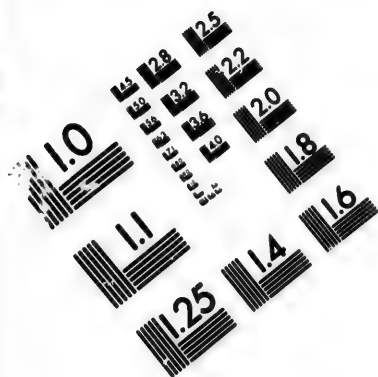
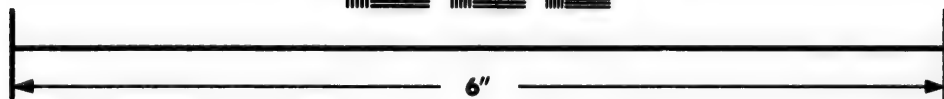
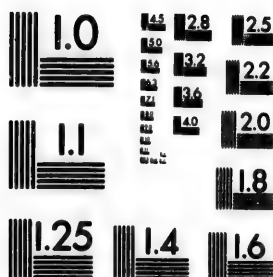


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sion of our report; hoping that the result of our labors may be useful and instructive to the Craft in our jurisdiction, and that any imperfections may be overlooked in view of being a "novice" at the work.

The Committee also ask for further time in which to report in the matter of according fraternal recognition to the Grand Orient of Hayti, referred to us at our last Annual Communication.

All of which is Fraternally submitted.

MARCUS WOLFE,
Chairman,
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Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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[LIST of Grand Lodge Proceedings reviewed, as sent us
by V. W. Grand Secretary Quinlan :

NAME.	DATE.	NAME.	DATE.
Arkansas	1892	Montana	1892
Arizona	1892	New South Wales	1891-2
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Colorado	1892	Nevada	1892
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England	1892	New Jersey	1893
Florida	1893	Oregon	1892
Georgia	1892	Oklahoma	1893
Indian Territory	1892-3	Prince Edward Island	1892
Idaho	1892	Pennsylvania	1892
Illinois	1892	Rhode Island	1892
Indiana	1892	South Carolina	1892
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Kansas	1893	Texas	1893
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Maryland	1892	Vermont	1892
Minnesota	1892	Washington	1892
Missouri	1892	Wisconsin	1892
Manitoba	1892	Wyoming	1892

Arizona.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, CITY OF PHOENIX,
NOV. 15TH-17TH, A. L. 5892.

A NEAT little volume is presented to us, dealing entirely with local matters. Our Representative was not present. Ten Chartered Lodges were accorded seats in the Grand Lodge. The M. W. Grand Master's Address is concise, and he wasted no words. Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence tells us plainly why it has not made an extended review; cost of printing, the small number that read the reports does not justify the expenditure. Right you are, my Brother. We find the same lack of interest in our jurisdiction, and but few Lodges take sufficient interest to have our Proceedings read, consequently, as you wisely remark, "it does not justify the expenditure." But then we must try to educate our Brethren to the necessity of embracing everything that will enlighten them, and so "if at first we don't succeed, try, try, again." The returns show 10 Chartered Lodges with 464 Members, and 1 Lodge, U. D., with 18 Members.

M. W. JOHN M. ORMSBY,

Grand Master, Tucson.

R. W. GEO. J. ROSKRUGE,

Grand Secretary, Tucson.

Twelfth Annual Communication will be holden in the City of Phoenix, Nov. 14th, 1893.

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Arkansas.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL, HELD AT LITTLE ROCK, NOV.
15TH AND 16TH, 1892.

IT is the Temple Volume, and has a frontispiece of the new Masonic Temple, which is a beautiful structure, and does great credit to the Fraternity in that State.

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I note our Representative was not present. Representatives from 381 Lodges out of 438 were enrolled before the Committee on Cedentials. Grand Master Bridenell delivered a very able address. Reports a number of decisions, but there are none involving any new points, consequently we do not print them. The Dedicatory Services of the Temple are very interesting ; the procession was formed illustrating the progress of an individual Brother through the several degrees and stations of Masonry of the York Rite. The oration by Brother A. B. Grace was a masterpiece, and only wish we could afford to have it reproduced here.

M. W. R. J. LAUGHLIN,
Grand Master.

R. W. FAY HEMPSTEAD,
Grand Secretary.

Bro. S. H. Davidson gives us very kindly mention in his Report on Foreign Correspondence. We thank you for your many good wishes and hope you will not be disappointed at our meagre report.

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California.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL, HELD IN THE CITY OF SAN
FRANCISCO, 11TH OCTOBER, 1892.

ALL Grand Officers present and the Representatives of 227 Lodges. The address of M. W. Wm. Johnston, Grand Master, after a most beautiful introduction, setting forth the sublime principles of Freemasonry, deals entirely with local matters. A number of rulings are given, but see none that involve any new point or are of sufficient interest to reproduce. The following remarks are, however, worthy of note, and would direct the attention of our Masters to it :

"A great many questions have been propounded which have revealed an inexcusable ignorance of our Organic Law. It seems strange indeed that a Brother should accept Office of Master of his Lodge, and then neglect to qualify himself for transacting its ordinary business, by paying no attention whatever to the Constitution, which has been placed in his hands."

We note with pleasure that the effort being made to build a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home is meeting with success. Already \$44,759.50 has been subscribed, and assurances of further subscriptions are not lacking.

Our Proceedings for 1891 are reviewed. It appears those of 1892 had not been received by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Annual Oration before the Grand Lodge by W. Bro. R. H. Lloyd, is a masterly production, and only wish we could have had it printed for our instruction, as it deals largely with the subject "the light attendance at Lodge Meetings."

I cannot refrain from submitting the closing portion of this Oration, hoping it will bear good fruit in our own Jurisdiction :

The points I desire to call to the Members' attention are these, namely:—

In order to build up the Masonic fraternity, you should first carefully select men whose inherent qualities incline them to do justice to their fellow men and duly consider and respect the rights of others. Then establish amongst them a close and friendly relationship. These are the mudsills for the foundation stones of the Masonic Temple. You must not permit any member to be elected to your Lodge for revenue only. You must constantly keep in mind that to you are delegated the right to make a Mason, who shall not only be a member of your Lodge, but also a brother in the bonds of fellowship with a million of men. You are charged with the solemn duty of seeing that none are permitted to come within our fold for mercenary or selfish purposes; that no one shall be permitted to call himself a Mason, unless he will in his life be an example of the benefits which a proper observance of its principles will be to mankind, in elevating the moral standing of the community, in establishing a proper respect for the rights of others, in advancing the cause of education and good government, fostering a sincere love for human liberty, and lastly, and above all, a profound reverence for the Deity.

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The true basis for Masonic faith is the building up and establishing a close, friendly relation between the members of the Lodge.

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To accomplish this an intimate social communion must be established amongst the members.

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To bring the latter event about, the meetings of the Lodges must be made both pleasant and attractive to all the members ; and

LASTLY.

None should be admitted but those whose society would be likely to be agreeable to the other members of the Lodge, who of their own volition seek admission, and are naturally inclined to favorably receive Masonic doctrines, desiring membership *alone* because they are ambitious to do their share towards humanizing and elevating their race.

Take these propositions home with you, study them well, and I think you will come to the conclusion that when they are strictly adhered to, you will have full Lodge meetings, and when they are violated, you will be open to empty benches."

A very handsome gavel, manufactured from "Cedar of Lebanon," was presented to the M. W. Grand Master, Wm. Johnston. A large volume of business was transacted, and the Craft in the Golden State is in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

M. W. CHAS. RAY GRITMAN, Napa,
Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE JOHNSON, San Francisco,
Grand Secretary.

JAS. W. ANDERSON, Sacramento,
Chairman of Comm. on Correspondence.

Next Annual in San Francisco, 10th Oct., 1893.

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Connecticut.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION IN THE CITY
OF NEW HAVEN, 18TH JANUARY, 1893.

EVERY Lodge was represented during the Session except one. Our Representative, W. Bro. Nelson G. Hinkley, of Hartford, was at his post. A noticeable feature

is the presence of 36 G. L. Representatives near this Grand Lodge, not often recorded in Proceedings. Score one for Connecticut. They appreciate the honor, and carry out its intention. The Address of M. W. Hugh Stirling, Grand Master, deals entirely with matters local and of interest to the Craft in his jurisdiction. He congratulates them on the continued prosperity and addition of so many names to the rolls. Many questions were submitted for an opinion or decision, but had occasion to pass on three only, as the others were fully covered by their excellent jurisprudence and regulations. The annual returns of the Grand Secretary show: whole number Initiated, 632 ; Passed, 635 ; Raised, 631 ; Affiliated, 95 ; Re-instated, 35 ; Dimitted, 94 ; struck off for N. P. D., 164 ; Suspended, 5 ; Expelled, 3 ; Died, 328 ; total of Affiliated M. M. 15,820. A very novel " Report of Committee on Charters " which was with much merriment accepted, is herewith reproduced.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Conecticut :

Grand Master and Brethren, we are not posing as martyrs,
 In offering the Report of the Committee on Charters,
 But yet we do think that our brethren and neighbors
 Should give us due credit for our arduous labors ;
 For we are the men the Grand Master appointed,
 Set apart, consecrated, and duly annointed,
 To attend to that business ; but he very well knew
 There was nothing at all for the Committee to do ;
 And we speak but the truth, (for a lie we abhor it,)
 When we say that he knew we were just the men for it.
 He showed *Stirling* good sense, as one plainly can see,
 In selecting Morgan, Bassett, Hart, Rowland and Lee.
 Now in order to be sure that no one feel slighted,
 We gave out due notice and all were invited
 To come in before us with their prayers and petitions,
 And make known in full their wants and conditions.
 We repaired to our room and with our feet elevated
 Put on our wise looks and patiently waited.
 The odor of " seed leaf " our olfactories met,
 And the detestable fumes of a vile cigarette ;
 The stench of the thing made us all tired,
 And each one was glad when the nuisance was " fired."

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For some time we waited, when no one appearing,
 We gave him a full and impartial hearing ;
 And when he had gone with out jar or confusion,
 Very soon came to an unanimous conclusion.
 And it is our opinion, that, according to law,
 The petitioner is entitled to leave to withdraw,
 And we recommend, after a full deliberation,
 Our discharge from its further consideration.
 We think we have none of our duties omitted,
 All of which is herewith fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, }
 W. L. MORGAN, } *Committee.*
 SAMUEL A. BASSETT, }

The Report on Masonic Correspondence, from the able pen of Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, is full of interest and instruction. Our Proceedings of 1891 are favorably commented upon.

Bro. Wheeler is not in favor of granting Dispensations for wearing Masonic Regalia at any occasion but which are confined to "Labor." Well Brother, this is a matter of taste and opinion and we can really see no harm in shining our colors at a Masonic ball. Speaking of the enormous duty we paid on our new G. L. Regalia, says : "This should be referred to Mr. McKinley, for something is wrong some where. G.L. Regalias need more protection." It appears our Annual for 1892 had not reached Bro. Wheeler in time for review.

M. W. SAMUEL BASSETT,
Grand Master, New Britain.

R. W. JOSEPH K. WHEELER,
Grand Secretary, Hartford.

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Canada.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THE volume before us contains an interesting record of several special communications held to lay corner stones of churches and hospital.

Thirty-seventh Annual was convened in the City of London. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G. M., presiding. All Grand Officers present, and a large list of Grand Representatives from sister Grand Lodges, but note the absence of our own Representative. An address of welcome was presented by the Mayor and Council, which was most suitably replied to by the M. W. Grand Master. The Grand Master's Address is a work of great merit and certainly must be of vital interest to the Craft in Canada. They were indeed fortunate in having such an intelligent, painstaking and polished Brother at the head of their affairs, and he certainly has placed them on a very sound basis. But few jurisdictions have men in the position of Grand Master who can devote almost their entire time and attention, as did Brother Robertson for Canada. During his term of two years he visited every Lodge once, (348 on the register,) covering 23,000 miles of travel, and 10 months of actual time occupied in the work. We extract the following as worthy our consideration.

THE WEARING OF MASONIC CLOTHING.

The clothing worn by the Craft is symbolical of the highest type of manhood, and in all lands, those who appear clothed as Masons at public ceremonials are presumed to be living exponents of principles, the antithesis of the empty illusions, exemplified when we cheapen our reputation by linking our patronage with debateable enterprises, which savor of the masquerade, the race track and the harlequin, where mammon reigns supreme, and fraternity is an unknown quantity. Recently at Campbellford under the auspices of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, in the Thirteenth District, entertainments were held, which I understood included a named horse race as one of the attractions, to draw coin from the pockets of those who revel in the joys of the race track and see Masonry as a magnet for drawing crowds, that can with ease distance the influence of the local paragrapher, even if his circulation be limited only by the capacity of the paper mill to turn pulp into reading matter. It is my deliberate opinion—this, too, endorsed by the voice of the thinking men of the Craft—that the use of Masonic clothing at other than authorized ceremonials, such as services over the dead, the laying of corner stones, or ceremonies directly under the supervision of Grand Lodge, is detrimental to the morale of the Order and repellant to all who regard the Craft as a glorious companionship that shall encircle the entire of humanity. I readily recognize that, while the fraternal and business features claim attention, the social landscape should not

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be neglected, for without the solid sunshine of life, one might as well blot out the day and regard night as a myth: The social reunions, the entertainments and companionable gatherings, which are encouraged by many lodges and to which we are able to invite those who make our homes a little heaven, are just as necessary to success as the inner work of our lodges, and yet there is no more reason why at a ball or concert, at a picnic or steamboat excursion, the Craft clothing should be worn, and that a man should carry a thermometer around his neck to grade his earnestness in our work, or as evidence of the number of degrees he has, through merit and ability, received during his Masonic career.

WHO SHOULD HAVE CRAFT BURIAL.

Even funeral ceremonies are losing their impressiveness, and might reasonably be curtailed. The so-called right of burial, fashioned by those who manufacture landmarks for every letter of the alphabet, is merely a regulation, not by any means universal. It should not be enough that Masons before death, or their friends for them, request Craft burial. Care should be exercised that those who are dead and gone are worthy of the honor. It is an outrage on public sentiment, and a prostitution of our ceremonies, to assemble at the grave of a brother, who perhaps wrecked his life by indiscretions, which made his name a by-word, and whose daily life was so improper that shame herself kept watch that even her sense of decency was not violated. To cast the evergreen into the graves of men who have made their hearts and homes desolate, whose wives and children have sought for happiness under the cold stars of heaven rather than under the paternal roof, is sanctioning vice, and attempting to use the broad mantle of a Mason's charity, with its ample salvage, as a cover for the sins of a life that can best be crowned with forgetfulness.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are carefully prepared, and show they were attentive to their duties. The reports alone would make a neat little volume.

The Committee on Credentials reported 344 Warranted Lodges on the Register. 193 Lodges were represented by duly qualified Officers, 96 were represented by proxy, and 55 Lodges were unrepresented for the purpose of voting. 706 names were registered, having a total vote of 1349, 3 Lodges U. D. A Committee was appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. R. Robertson in recognition of his valuable services rendered the Craft.

Total membership 21,428, in 347 Lodges.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Robertson

(chairman). Our Proceedings of 1891 have kindly mention. 1892 was not printed at the time Canada held its session.

M. W. BRO. HON. J. M. GIBSON, Q. C.,
Grand Master, Hamilton.

R. W. BRO. J. J. MASON,
Grand Secretary, Hamilton.

Thirty-eighth Annual will be held at Ottawa, 19th July, 1893.

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Colorado.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL, AT DENVER SEPTEMBER 20TH-21ST,
1892.

M. W. Bro. J. M. Maxwell, Presiding. Representatives from 77 Lodges (being all but two on the roll) being present. Our Representative, Bro. F. C. Young, being present, was called to the East and fraternally welcomed by the Grand Master. The Annual Address of the Grand Master is confined mainly to local matters. Death had not invaded the Ranks of Grand Lodge, the year had been one of peace, harmony and prosperity; scores of good men had been added to membership. Twenty-one decisions were rendered. They are mainly in accordance with their own laws, and see none involving any new point. This Jurisdiction (Colorado) does not recognize Perpetual Jurisdiction.

In 1880 there were 29 Lodges with 1857 members, which in 12 years had increased to 82 Lodges and a membership of 6714. The Grand Orator, Bro. Ira L. Herron, delivered an able oration on the Science and Philosophy of Freemasonry. We should like to produce it in the entire, but only submit the closing to show its beauty.

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It matters but little whether we date our origin as an order from the revival of Masonry at the beginning of the eighteenth century, from the return of the crusaders, the traveling workmen of the middle ages, the building of King Solomon's Temple, or even to the stone of foundation, the great philosophic and moral precepts preserved by it have endured since man was first capable of conceiving them.

Upon them he has built all his morals, religion and civilization; to them he looked for all spiritual, intellectual and social progress, and in them he treasures his faith of an eternal and glorious existence hereafter.

And my brethren, as the moon, at its full, reflects with softening refulgence upon the darkness of the night the brilliant rays of the sun, so let us, being full of the love of God and our fellows, reflect upon the world the glorious light of divine truth shed abroad from the altar of Freemasonry.

Then can we truthfully claim our pre-eminence as an order and proudly maintain our position as the conservators and guardians of civilization.

The following resolution is well worthy of adoption by our own Lodges :

THE BADGE OF A MASON.

Bro. H. T. West offered the following, which was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence :

Whereas : From time immemorial the lamb-skin or white leather apron has been "the Badge of a Mason," and

Whereas : There has been substituted therefor in many of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, the use of aprons of other and divers material,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that a Masonic apron should be made of white leather only, and that we recommend that no substitute therefor should be permitted, and *we recommend* that the presentation of the apron in the first degree be an actual presentation, and that it be made the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to inscribe, or have inscribed upon the under side of it the name of the brother receiving it, together with the date of his initiation, to which shall be added the date of his passing and raising when the same shall have been accomplished.

The recognition of Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred until the next Annual Communication. The interesting and instructive Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, being a careful review of 55 Grand Lodges. British Columbia receives kindly

mention for 1891-2. Speaking of our granting dispensations "to wear Regalia in public at a ball" says: "Dispensations for such a purpose are now very generally condemned."

Referring to our action in granting Ashlar and Victoria-Columbia Lodges their contention, as to vested rights, says:

"The same persistency by old Lodge Hiram, No. 1, of Hartford, Conn., that it had vested rights in regard to certain features of the ritual, was declared to be rebellion and resulted in the arrest of its charter. Our brethren of British Columbia believe in getting along smoothly even if the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge has to be relaxed and its own laws abrogated to suit special cases."

A digest of Decisions is appended, which contains some wise and sound opinions, as also the Constitution and Decisions approved by Grand Lodge from the several Grand Masters. On the whole the proceedings of Colorado is a well prepared and instructive volume well worthy place in any Masonic Library.

M. W. WM. D. WRIGHT, Denver,
Grand Master.

R. W. ED. C. PARMELEE, Denver.
Grand Secretary.

L. N. GREENLEAF, Denver,
Chairman of Comm. on Correspondence.

Thirty third Annual to be held at Denver, 19th Sept.,
1893.

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Delaware.

THE EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, CONVENED IN THE
CITY OF WILMINGTON, OCTOBER 5TH-6TH, A. L. 5892.

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unexpectedly occurred, on May 24th, 1892,) were present, together with a large number of permanent members of Grand Lodge, Grand Representatives (our own not recorded) and Delegates from 29 Lodges. The Grand Master reports progress and growth of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and the elevation of the moral standard of the institution, fraternal relations both at home and abroad of the most pleasant character. He reports having visited all Lodges (with two exceptions,) finding them in a healthy condition both as to increase and finances. No decisions reported, all questions submitted having either been settled by his predecessors or by the Constitution and By-Laws. Considerable business pertaining to the Grand Lodge was transacted and although comparatively a small jurisdiction they have everything up to the mark. Returns show 29 Lodges, with 1840 M. Masons. The Report on Correspondence is by Rev. Bro. L. H. Jackson, P.D.G.M. and Grand Chaplain. It is a brief resume of 52 Grand Lodges. British Columbia receives kindly mention.

M. W. JOHN B. BROOK,
Grand Master, Clayton.

R. W. BENJ. F. BARTRAM,
Grand Secretary, Wilmington.

Eighty-seventh Annual to be held at Wilmington,
October, 1893.

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THE proceedings presented us report the holding of a Special Communication convened in conformity with the Constitution for the exemplification of the several degrees. Also, a record of the semi-annual Communication, and two Special Sessions, at which several meetings, there

is nothing of note to record. The 82nd Annual was held at Washington, D. C., November 9th, A. L. 5892. Bro. F. G. Alexander, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, M. W. Bro. John Lockie, P.G.M., our representative was present. Delegates from 23 lodges were in attendance. The Grand Master congratulates Grand and Subordinate Lodges on the general prosperity of the Craft. With but one exception, peace and harmony prevailed in the lodges. During the year but one member of the Grand Lodge had died. Several decisions are reported, but are only of local interest and involve no new issues. During the year the Grand Master had visited all the lodges, and in nearly all had witnessed the conferring of degrees. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence contains an elaborate report on question No. 1—"What are the prerogatives and powers of the Worshipful Master of a Subordinate Lodge over the confirmation of the minutes of his lodge?" and deem it of sufficient importance to have reproduced it for the enlightenment of our Jurisdiction.

An answer "in detail," as requested, to question No. 1, will cover the answers to several others of the questions submitted, and in view of the fact that there is some diversity of opinion as to the "prerogatives and powers of the Worshipful Master over the confirmation of the minutes of his lodge," and some trouble has arisen in one of our lodges in consequence thereof, it is desirable that the Grand Lodge should settle this question definitely so far as its jurisdiction is concerned.

The Master of a lodge is invested with so many important prerogatives and powers, conferred by the ancient constitutions and regulations by Grand Lodge legislation, and by general Masonic usage, that some may fall into the error of supposing that the *lodge* has no powers or rights which the *Master* may not of himself exercise, if he wills to do so, irrespective of the will or desire of the lodge. That, in fact, to all intents and purposes, *he is the lodge*.

It is true that his responsibilities are great and his powers and prerogatives are, and should be, commensurate with these responsibilities; and he is not amenable to his lodge for the exercise or the abuse of them. He is, however, circumscribed and bound by the obligations of his office, his promises and agreements at the time of his installation—one of which was: "To submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren when convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order." Now, while the Worshipful Master has entire control of the work of his lodge, may open and close it at his pleasure, and must

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see that the regulations and edicts of the Grand Lodge are carried out, and that none of the landmarks or regulations of Masonry are violated ; while his decision upon any question of order is binding upon his lodge until such decision, upon appeal from it by the lodge, is reversed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge ; and while he has other well-known powers specially delegated or are his by custom and usage, yet, outside of these, he must "submit to the awards and resolutions of his brethren when convened." That is, in all questions not trenching on these inherent or delegated powers, he must abide by the expressed will of the majority of his Lodge.

In considering the powers and prerogatives of the Master over the minutes of his lodge, we must not confound the minutes of the transactions with the transactions themselves. The minutes of a lodge are simply the record of its proceedings, which, when approved and recorded are a part of its history, which, in all respects, should conform to the truth. It is the duty of the Secretary to "observe *all* the proceedings of the lodge and make a fair record of all things proper to be written." Anything of an esoteric character is not "proper to be written," and it is the duty of the Worshipful Master, the Secretary, and the Lodge to guard the records in this particular.

The approval or confirmation of the minutes relates to the correctness of the Secretary's notes of the proceedings. These are read to the Lodge that the members may note any errors or omissions, if such there should be, and correct them. If none are suggested, either by the Master or any one of the members, the Master says, "the minutes are approved," or "the minutes will be recorded as read;" that is, the Lodge tacitly affirms their correctness, and they are so recorded. If, however, there should be a difference of opinion among the members as to the correctness of the minutes as read, as to whether something did or did not take place in the proceedings, and a motion is made to confirm them as read, or to correct them in accordance with what the mover believes to be the truth, that motion, your committee believe would be a proper one.

There might be circumstances under which the Master might feel justified in exercising the power, which he undoubtedly has, of declaring a motion to confirm the minutes out of order. For instance, if a motion, say to amend a motion to alter or amend the by-laws of the Lodge, was made and seconded, and the Secretary refused to enter it upon his minutes because of his belief that the motion was out of order, and a majority of the Lodge also believed it to be out of order, still if the Worshipful Master *decided it to be in order* it should go upon the minutes as a part of the proceedings of the Lodge ; and if a motion was made to *confirm the minutes with that particular part of the proceedings left out*, the Master would have the power to declare the motion out of order under the circumstances, and to refuse to put it to the Lodge.

The remedy of the Lodge, in a case of this kind, would lie in an

appeal to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge from the decision or decisions of the Master. It is a well-settled principle of Masonic law that a Lodge "has no right or power to order to be stricken from the minutes any transactions of the Lodge, proper for record, or to add thereto anything that did not take place in its proceedings." If the Secretary's minutes are evidently incorrect in either of these respects the Master undoubtedly has the power to refuse to put a motion to affirm them before the needed correction is made. Whether this power be rightfully or wrongfully exercised under certain circumstances, is, as we have said, subject to an appeal to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. But it does not follow from this that the Master has the prerogative or power to declare the minutes of the Lodge to be confirmed; *that power, your committee believe, resides in the Lodge*, and in this opinion they are sustained, by the best Masonic authorities and writers on Masonic jurisprudence. Mackey, in his "Principles of Masonic Law," page 133, says: "The minutes having been read, the presiding officer will put the question on their confirmation, having first inquired of the Senior and Junior Wardens, and lastly of the brethren 'around the Lodge' whether they have any alterations to propose. If it can be satisfactorily shown by anyone that there is a mis-entry or the omission of an entry, this is the time to correct it, and when the matter is of sufficient importance and the recording officer or any member disputes the charge of error, the vote of the Lodge will be taken on the subject and the journal will be amended or remain as written, according to the opinion so expressed by the majority of the members." Norris, in the "American Freemason," 1865, says: "A Lodge has no right to change its minutes after once regularly approving them." C. W. Moore (1846) says: The signature of the Master is not necessary to give validity to the proceedings of a Lodge. The approval of the Lodge and the signature of the Secretary make the records complete."

As bearing directly upon this subject we make the following extract from the report of a committee which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1822, showing that seventy years ago a question similar to the one now under discussion was acted on by that Grand Body. Speaking of the minutes of the Lodge, the report says: "Of course the Master has a right to express his opinion with regard to the accuracy of statement or mode of expression. Moreover, there may be transactions in a Lodge which are not worth recording or which it would not be proper to make matters of history to be perpetuated in the records and about the inexpediency of entering which the opinion of the Master is to be given. If, however, a misunderstanding should arise between the Master and the Secretary as to the article for record, it may be stated in open Lodge for explanation or decision. If the Master objects to an article for record and the Secretary inserts and certifies it, he errs.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to multiply authorities on this question, believing that a sufficient number have been cited to support the position they have taken upon it.

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The Grand Lodge of District of Columbia holds an Installation Communication for Grand Lodge officers on the 27th December, at which the report on the books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer are presented, as well as any unfinished business of the year. M. W. Bro. L. C. Williamson, Washington, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary.

Returns shows 29 lodges with 4206 Master Masons. The report on Correspondence is an elaborate paper of instruction, opinions, and brimful of interest, this being the 23rd report of the present writer. (Long may he continue in the service.)

A controversy had arisen between the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia and Iowa, relative to a recall of the Commission of Grand Representatives, and a difference of opinion on the subject of the Grand Representative System. As it is a subject of much interest, I produce the opening remarks of Bro. Singleton, which is followed up by extracts of opinions from different Grand Lodges on the subject, and only wish we could reproduce the whole article.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The assumption of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and also by some of our own Jurisdiction, that the status of a Grand Representative is the same as a minister of one foreign government near another government is not correct, for many reasons.

First. The Grand Representative is almost invariably a member of the body near which he acts as Grand Representative, having a voice vote therein. The minister is not only a citizen of the country which he represents, but "carries with him all the *rights of such citizenship* which must be respected by the government."

Second. As the Masonic fraternity is justly termed **UNIVERSAL** a Mason is always at home, with a claim to fraternal treatment wherever he can find a brother Mason or a Masonic Lodge, and there should be no antagonism toward him, as an individual Mason or as a member of the Grand Body near which he is a Representative. There is a fraternal bond by which all things and all questions are to be considered in every relation.

Third. In the diplomatic service the representative of a government can have no occasion whatever to interfere with the internal affairs

of the government by which he is recognized, nor would he be permitted to do so. In Grand Lodges it often occurs that the Grand Representative in his own right, purely as a constituent member of that Grand Body, may antagonize the views and acts of the Grand Master of that body. Should he do so, and the Grand Master become offended thereat, would it be right for the Grand Master to exercise his power to demand a recall of the Representative's commission?

We will suppose a case.

A Grand Lodge finds it necessary, at the present time, to discipline certain members of their fraternity because they choose to unite with a so-called body of Cerneauism, and to effectually discipline these members it is proposed to change the Grand Constitution. A prominent member of that Grand Lodge, who is a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence and also a Grand Representative of a Grand Lodge, disagrees with the proposed legislation, argues, and casts his vote against it. The incoming Grand Master changes the committee, of which he is a member, and leaves the brother out of it. In a complaint made by such brother for being thus displaced, hard words are passed, until the Grand Master, in his exasperation, requests of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, whose Representative the brother is, to recall his commission.

Now, we opine that all impartial and reflecting Masons will say that this would be an unauthorized act by the Grand Master, as the brother has not violated any principles whatever relating to his function of a Grand Representative.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa insist that, according to diplomatic rules, Grand Master Gibbs should have at once complied with the request of the Grand Master of Iowa to recall the commission of Bro. Guilbert without any reasons being assigned.

Bro. Gibbs did *not* refuse to comply with the request and was wrongly charged by Grand Secretary Parvin. He, in view of diplomatic courtesy, did what every civil government has heretofore done under similar circumstances. We assert *positively* that it is a well-settled principle that the government asked to recall its representative *should* know the *cause* for the recall.

Moreover, it is not imperatively demanded that the recall be made. In the recent contest between the United States administration and Chile, the newspapers told us, "It can be said that under no circumstances will Mr. Egan be recalled while the relations between the United States and Chile are strained, as at present."

In regard to the doctrine set up, that the ministers of foreign governments represent the heads of said governments only, and are amenable only to such heads, we quote from very high authority to demonstrate the ignorance displayed on the subject.

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There are several classes of representatives of governments, viz., first, ambassadors, of which there are two kinds, those who reside regularly at the court to which they are accredited, and those who are sent on special occasions and are extraordinary; second, charges d'affaires, ministers plenipotentiary, or envoys.

The ambassador class, of which there are very few, represent the sovereigns who sent them. The minister or less functionary, represents the government; and such we conceive to be the function only of the Grand Representative of Grand Lodges.

From American Cyclopaedia, Edition 1883 :

"Ambassador, generally applied to the highest class of diplomatic representatives to foreign countries. In an official sense it designates only those who are accredited by one potentate to another, and who represent the sovereign himself, while ministers plenipotentiary and envoys extraordinary, although accredited to the crown, represent only the State, and not the person of its chief. * * * The Queen of England, for instance, sends ambassadors to the most influential sovereigns but only a minister plenipotentiary to the United States.

"An ambassador may at all times demand a personal interview with the sovereign as a matter of right, while the minister plenipotentiary can only claim an interview as a favor."

The following extract from Mr. Blaine's letter on the recall of our representative to Chile will show the principle, viz :

"Undoubtedly she has that right, provided she assigns a reason. You are too well skilled in diplomatic usage to be reminded that when a nation is pleased to declare that a minister is *persona non grata* she is expected to assign a reason therefor. We have twice had occasion to ask Great Britain to recall her minister and in each case we gave a reason why the minister had ceased to be useful. It is hardly necessary to observe that conditions which we complied with ourselves would likewise be exacted of Chile.

"I have thus frankly endeavored to correct some misapprehensions of yours in order that the record of the State Department of the United States shall be kept exact, in all its proceedings shall be proved consistent.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

"JAMES G. BLAINE.

"SEÑOR DON PEDRO MONTT, &c."

Our proceedings of 1891 received notice and says : "We find, however, that in their proceedings, which were conducted with great propriety and order, nothing requiring any criticism or special notice from us."

Georgia.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL HELD AT MACON, OCTOBER 25TH
AND 27TH, A. L. 5892, BEING THE 106TH.

OPENS with an admirably executed engraving of M. W. J. S. Davidson, Grand Master, (a handsome and most intelligent looking gentleman,) who by the way is our Representative; and we are proud of him. Grand Lodge was opened by Prayer from the Rev. and Worshipful Bro. Hubert, Grand Chaplain. 365 Lodges were represented. The Grand Master's Address is a work of great merit, showing him to be a Mason of deep learning, and who has labored hard and faithfully for the welfare of Masonry in his jurisdiction, as well as at large. We wish that our means would permit the reproduction of his opening remarks. Thirty-two decisions are reported, but are principally governed by local law, and none of sufficient importance to record here. An unusually large number of Dispensations were granted for various purposes. Speaking of "Other Grand Lodges," he says:

"There is nothing which, to the student of Masonic practice and life, is more attractive and full of instruction than the story of the Craft as it presents itself in the labors of the different Grand Bodies with which we are in fraternal relation. It is like the knowledge which comes to the traveler in distant parts. The views are broadened, the aspirations are lifted, the comprehension is enlarged, nor is the love of home and its blessed associations thereby lessened. But oftentimes we have, as a result, not only a kinder feeling for the world at large, but a deeper love for our own, because, by contrast and comparison, we often find merits which constant association had concealed from our view.

Every year the range of our Masonic vision is extended, the number of our brethren increased and the opportunities for the exercise of those virtues which Masonry inculcates are more frequently presented.

And when we behold how earnest many of these Grand Bodies are in the discharge of their duties, how they have by splendid charities and public services, won from even unwilling lips the utterance of commendation. When we look upon the Masonic structures, whose very walls are eloquent of Masonry, and whose carefully guarded portals are the beautiful gateways through which the orphan passes from the waste and

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want of life to restoration and fullness of plenty, we, even we, wonder while we praise. Within some of the jurisdictions of our brethren, to be an orphan is to have a thousand fathers all intent upon promoting the best interests and securing the largest benefactions to those whose care they have assumed. In other parts, to be afflicted with the burden and grief of widowhood is to be husbanded by those whose highest pleasure is to reconcile to a fate they could not avert and free from tears the eyes they could not keep undimmed. And, again, in others, old age to those who (in younger hours) watched and guarded the altar fires, is made so gentle in its steps and so sweet in its decline, that the very pressure of years is made to exhale a fragrance of peace and satisfaction unknown to youth and vigor. Elsewhere, other gifts round out Masonic life, and benefits of a different, but still of an exalted nature, make demonstration clear and unmistakable, of how rapid is the growth and how intelligent the methods which this noble institution employs to illustrate in works its splendid professions of universal benevolence.

I cannot begin to do justice to this Address, so will conclude by giving the closing portion of the Committee who dealt with the same.

The entire address we commend to the careful reading and study of all the brethren. It is a most scholarly, finished and masterly paper—such as is in keeping with the great heart and mind of him who gave it utterance. The number and character of decisions contained in the address evince careful Masonic reasearch and a faithful and zealous performance of duty. It is an honor to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Master who delivered it. Able, eloquent and profound, it breathes, throughout, the purest sentiments of morality, tends to the elevation of the Fraternity, and gives an inspiration to higher and nobler life and action."

The Grand Lodge of Georgia certainly contains some bright stars in the Masonic firmament as evidenced by the several able orations delivered, as well as the vast amount of careful committee work reported. Eight occasional Grand Lodge meetings were held for various purposes during the year. Returns are:—382 lodges, with 15,816 members, a net gain of six lodges and 1,113 members. The report on Foreign Correspondence is in keeping with the entire proceedings, from the pens of Bros. Bigham, Mumford and Ramsay, with a general survey by Bro. Bigham, all of whom are experts at their work as Foreign Correspondence writers. Our Proceedings for 1891-2, had apparently not been received, as they are not mentioned.

M. W. Bro. J. S. Davidson, re-elected Grand Master.
Address—Augusta, Ga.

R. W. Bro. A. M. Wolihin, re-elected Grand Secretary.
Address—Macon, Ga.

Next Grand Communication will be held in the city of
Macon, October 31st, 5893.

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Idaho.

EMERGENT Communication, 26th May, and 25th Annual, 13th September, 1892, comprise the volume before us. John Henry Meyer, M. W. Grand Master, in the East. Our Grand Representative was not present.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master reviews the history of the Grand Lodge in Idaho for the past 25 years—having began at Idaho City with representatives of four lodges—he says: “That one mission has been a beneficial one we believe, and we are willing to be judged by its fruits.” Eleven decisions are reported—none of which are of sufficient importance to us to copy. They have an Orphans’ Fund, amounting to \$18,000. Total membership, 941. The proceedings throughout show a careful attention on the part of all officers and committees—Masonry is well looked after in Idaho. The volume also contains a “Biographical History of the Grand Officers of Idaho,” certainly a new and novel departure in Grand Lodge proceedings.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Chas. C. Stevenson, who gives a short review of the several Grand Lodges. Our own jurisdiction for 1891, receives mention, saying—“The proceedings of our northern sister are purely of local interest. Good ability and true Masonry characterize all of their transactions.”

M. W. Bro. F. C. HATTABAUGH,
Grand Master, Moscow.

JAS. H. WICKERSHAM,
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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL, CHICAGO, 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH OCT., 1892.

⑥CCASIONAL Communication, 6th November, 1891, being the anniversary of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple, Chicago, and for the purpose of "levelling its Cape stone." The procession consisted of 2,547 Masons. The ceremonies were grand and impressive. Acting M. W. Grand Master J. C. Smith in his closing remarks said: "Men die, institutions live. When we are gone, when other feet shall walk these streets a hundred or a thousand years hence, while the waters wash these shores till time is no more, may this temple stand for the Glory of God, the Honor of Masonry and the Good of Man." M. W. Monroe C. Crawford presided at the Annual, who, in the opening remarks of his address, said: "It is a fitting time for retrospection, for consideration of our present condition, for some thoughts of the future, wherein our fraternity will rise to yet grander heights, and become a power whose beneficent influences will flow like the sunshine of heaven through all humanity, and raise the brotherhood of mankind toward the skies." He reports the year just closed one of great activity among the Masons of Illinois. Loving fraternal tributes are paid to our departed brothers, both in Illinois and sister jurisdictions. He had been called upon to decide hundreds of questions for lodges and brethren, but considered none of sufficient importance to report or have printed. A vast amount of work by the Grand Master is reported, and he certainly was kept busy, but then he has a very large "family" to look after, as it certainly is no small task to be at the head of the Craft in a State like Illinois. The Fraternal Congress of Masonic Representatives, meets at Chicago, and report of their proceedings will be looked forward to with very much interest. Peace and prosperity reign throughout the jurisdiction. The year just closed had marked a greater increase in membership than in any previous

year, the grand total being 46,021 members. P.G.M. Bro. Robertson, of Canada, was introduced and welcomed.

The returns show 704 Lodges, with membership of 46,021. Increase for the year 1892 of 2,132. \$24,981.20 had been expended by the Lodges for the relief of members, their widows and orphans. Our representative, R. W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn. The Report on Foreign Correspondence, comprising 285 pages, (a volume in itself) is from the able pen of that veteran among the "Guild" M. W. Bro. Joseph Robbins, and is complete in every respect. We should like to quote copiously from it if we could. Our proceedings for 1891 are included. Bro. Robbins differs from the decision of M. W. P.G.M. McKeown; "That a Candidate minus a thumb is ineligible for office," as he holds that no misfortune deprives a member of his equal rights and eligibilities.

M. W. MONROE C. CRAWFORD,
Grand Master, Jonesboro

R. W. LOYAL L. MUNN,
Grand Secretary, Freeport.

Fifty-fourth Annual will be held at Chicago, first Tuesday in October, 1893.

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Indiana.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL, INDIANAPOLIS, 24TH MAY, 1892.

M. W. Nicholas R. Ruckle, Grand Master, presiding. There were present Representatives of 462 of the 470 Chartered Lodges. Grand Representatives present not reported. The Grand Master reports: "The Craft undisturbed by violent controversies or serious dissensions. In the Grand Lodge the summing up for the year shows a liberal economy, financial prosperity, and an increase numerically. In the Subordinate Lodges, while all do not

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enjoy peace, unity and plenty in the full Masonic acceptation of these terms ; there has been a general growth in every substantial and essential particular, in numbers, in financial strength, in Masonic Spirit." Twenty-six decisions and rulings are reported. No. 21, "a vote granting dimit severs connection with the Lodge. The dimit is only a certificate of the fact. The vote granting a dimit can not be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting of the Lodge." This does not prevail in this jurisdiction as lodges reconsider applications for dimitts. A vast amount of Committee work was transacted of immediate interest to the jurisdiction. As a whole the Proceedings are very creditable.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Thomas B. Long, and it is a "long" one, showing him to be well up in the work, having reviewed the work of 59 Grand Lodges. British Columbia for 1891 has attention. As the question of "Mixed Funerals" (where other than Masons are present) will come up at our Annual Communication in June, I extract the remarks of Bro. Long, a comment on the decisions by the G. M. of Georgia, which exactly coincide with mine :

In all processions in which Masonic Lodges form a part, the place of such Lodge is in the rear ; and where different services are performed, the Masonic services should be the last, except the final religious services, if there be any.

Notwithstanding the approval of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the two last copied here can not be good Masonic law. As to the first of them, when a lodge attends a funeral of a deceased brother it is open on the third degree. Into the Lodge, so open, the body of the dead brother is received. When the remains are in the custody of the Lodge no other services than those of the Lodge can intervene, not even those of the Church, until after the commitment of the body to the grave, which act, followed by Masonic music and prayer, concludes the burial service, after which the Craft has nothing more to do but to return to the Lodge-room and close the Lodge, which was opened for the purpose now accomplished, and so remained open until the end was effected. If religious services are held they should precede the taking charge of the remains by the Lodge. If held at the residence or a Church they should be concluded before the Lodge takes charge. No other organization should be permitted to march between the Lodge and its dead. After

the Lodge ceremonies are concluded at the grave, any other society to which the deceased had belonged can read its own ritual ; and courtesy should induce the Lodge to stand aside and respectfully await the conclusion of such service, in which it would not be thereby participating, as nothing was remaining for it to do but to return to its hall and close.

M. W. SIDNEY M. DOUGLAS,
Grand Master, Evansville.

R. W. WM. H. SMYTHE,
Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

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Indian Territory.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL AT TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,
16TH AUGUST, 1892.

M. W. Leo Bennett, Grand Master, presiding. Our Representative not reported as present. Forty-eight Lodges were represented. The Chair of the Deputy Grand Master was draped in mourning. For the first time in many years every Past Grand Master was present. The hand of death and affliction has been heavily laid upon this Grand Jurisdiction during the year, otherwise the Craft has prospered. In three years a gain of 22 Lodges has been made. Fourteen decisions are reported by the Grand Master, who says : " What an amount of ignorance of Masonic laws and usages there is among the Craft." I extract the fourth decision, it being rather a new and novel one.

4th. A member was suspended for U. M. C., his bad conduct continued and the W. M. ruled that so long as he was suspended the Lodge had no further jurisdiction over the offender. Held that the Lodge not only had the right but it was its duty under such circumstances to arraign and try the offender for these continuations of his U. M. C., and if found guilty, to increase the punishment, even to expulsion.

As we require a Revision of Constitution and the subject will likely come up at our Annual, I quote the very able remarks on the subject by G. M. Bennett.

No human tribunal has ever been clothed with such sovereignty in controlling its affairs as is vested in the Grand Lodge of a Masonic jurisdiction, a tribunal from whose decision there is no appeal. How important it is, then, that such a body should have a Constitution and laws, a code of government, representing those underlying principals of our ancient Fraternity which are now recognized in the government of Masonic Lodges throughout the world. How important, too, that this instrument should be clear and unmistakable in its language, free from all obscurity, subject to but one interpretation, firm in its construction, yet of that conservative character which balances all extremes, and forms a bulwark against ignorance and against oppression. We always find that the evils incident to government are least where the functions and powers of that government are limited by certain well defined laws. Thus our Constitution and laws limit the powers of the Grand Lodge itself and encompass the prerogatives of the Grand Master, who is, of himself, but a creature of the Constitution.

Under the head of Grand Representatives, the G. M. reports a difference of opinion on the subject between New York and Indian Territory, and as it is a parallel case to ours with the Grand Lodge of England, I deem it of sufficient importance to extract it in its entirety:

Our fraternal relations with sister Grand Lodges is pleasant and harmonious in every respect with the single exception of a difference of opinion which has arisen between the M. W. Grand Master of New York and your humble servant, with reference to the Representative of our Grand Lodge near that of New York. The entire correspondence in this matter is attached hereto for your consideration and action. This difference may be briefly stated as follows: The Grand Master of New York requested that the appointment of our Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York be cancelled, alleging that circumstances were brought to his attention which rendered such action a duty to both Grand Lodges, and that our Representative was practically ostracised by the officers of the Grand Lodge of New York, thus preferring a general charge of unworthiness against our Representative. In response to this request I stated to the Grand Master of New York that our Representative had served us long and faithfully, that of all our Representatives he was the best, yet while I deeply deplored the request for his removal, would do so, if the general charges thus filed were made specific and sustained upon investigation; but declined to make the removal without cause, conscientiously believing that were I to do so I would lose my own self respect and violate those ties which bind our Fraternity into a common brotherhood. The Grand Master of New York refused to specify any cause for the removal, but notified me that he had withdrawn the accredit of our Representative. I trust you will consider the correspondence in this case carefully, as our Representative has served us well and faithfully for fourteen years, his record

with us is one of credit and fidelity to Masonic interests, and to have yielded to the *ipse dixit* request made for his removal would have been to have condemned and disgraced a brother without an opportunity for him to defend himself, an act which I conceive to be contrary to every principle of Masonry as it is taught and practiced in Indian Territory.

Be it known to the credit of our Representative, that as soon as he was made acquainted with the situation he manfully tendered his resignation so as to relieve the situation of embarrassment. This resignation I declined to accept under the circumstances, as I insist that our Representative being a worthy Master Mason in good Masonic standing in New York we have a right to continue to receive the benefit of his service, and if he has forfeited that good standing, we have a right to know the facts before it can become our duty to remove him. In view of the nature of the correspondence upon this subject I feel justified in my belief that the request for this removal was not made for those Masonic reasons which would bear the light of an impartial inquiry. That the Grand Master of New York refused to specify the grounds for requesting the removal, but arbitrarily withdrew the accreditation of our Representative, seems to me an undignified and unjustifiable act, an act of gross injustice toward our Brother Representative which this Grand Lodge cannot afford to pass unnoticed, for with all due respect to the Grand Master of New York, there is not, even at this date, known to me a single reason why the efficient services of our Representative should not be continued to us."

The distinguished Bro. Leo Bennett had the honor of presiding over the Craft in Indian Territory for three years. Although comparatively a small jurisdiction a vast amount of business was transacted. The Oration by R. W. Bro. R. W. Hill, D. D., Grand Orator, is an excellent and scholarly paper of 12 pages, and should like to have reproduced it.

Returns show 48 Chartered Lodges, 9 Lodges U. D., and a total membership of 2017. The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. J. S. Murren. Our Annual for 1891 is included. Speaking of our having laid the corner stone of the Y. M. C. A. Building at Vancouver, says: "Has the so-called Anti-Secret-Association of Chicago ever been called upon to lay the corner stone of any eleemosynary building?"

M. W. LEO EDMUND BENNETT,

Grand Master, Muskogee.

R. W. JOS. SAMUEL MURROW,

Grand Secretary, Atoka.

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Nineteenth Annual to be held at Ardmore, first Tuesday February, 1893.

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1893.

M. W. Leo E. Bennett, Grand Master, presiding. 35
Lodges represented. The G. M. reported the Craft generally harmonious and prosperous. A separate Jurisdiction has been formed in Indian Territory by the Lodges in Oklahoma District, although the kindest feeling was expressed toward the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. A. J. Spengel, of Guthrie Lodge, was elected Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge, and J. S. Hunt, of Frontier Lodge, Grand Secretary, and was set in motion immediately after the installation of officers. A resolution of sincerity and fraternal feeling was expressed towards the G. L. of Indian Territory. He congratulated the new Grand Lodge in its "debut," and wish them all prosperity, extending the hand of brotherhood, and may they live and act in "friendship, morality and brotherly love." An eloquent address on the subject of "Toleration" was delivered by the Grand Orator (G. L. of Indian Territory), R. W. Bro. Hill. The returns show 51 Lodges with 1705 members. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Robt. W. Hill, owing to the serious illness of P.G.M. Bro. Murrow, who is Committee on Correspondence. Under British Columbia, Bro. Hill agrees with P.G.M. Wolfe, that the fees for affiliation should be abolished. Speaking of our wearing regalia at Balls and other public occasions, says: "Of course we believe that the Masonic Regalia is very nice, but at the same time we are inclined to believe that it is entirely out of place when worn on any other than Masonic occasions." We receive encouragement at the hands of our Bro. Hill, who, speaking on Foreign Correspondence writers, says:

"Here are also younger members of the Corps, who are following in the footsteps of the veterans, and all alike seeking only to promote the honor of Masonry." We only wish we could have produced his entire "conclusion," as it is well worthy of being carefully read, marked and digested, but time and space are wanting.

M. W. ANDREW HARDY,

Grand Master, Admore.

R. W. JOS. S. MURROW,

Grand Secretary, Atoka.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 49TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD
AT DUBUQUE, JUNE 7TH, 1892.

OPEN with a well executed steel portrait of M. W. Bro. R. G. Phelps, Grand Master. A noble, intelligent and bright face indeed, whose address comprises 23 pages of small type, dealing principally with matters of local interest. He says : "I have found Masonry in Iowa, with all the stir and commotion we see and hear in the midst of the Grand Lodge, singularly harmonious, united and filled with zeal. This year has been one of growth. Masonry in Iowa has had a larger increase than the average for many years past, and I believe it is but the rising of the sun on a still brighter day." There was not a single trial and but one case of discipline under the conduct of the Grand Master, which speaks well for this vast jurisdiction. Concurring in the Grand Master's remarks re Non-Affiliates, I extract them :

NON-AFFILIATES.

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ates. They have largely withdrawn to be free from the burdens of Masonry; or being out for some just cause, have remained so from that reason. Our present law cannot be more complete, but upon one branch let me suggest a change. Members become non-affiliates by dimitting. They have, or present to the Lodge, some good reason, and propose soon to return there or elsewhere. Yet, every Lodge has known of some one who has resided for years in their midst and at last produces an old, badly worn dimitt from somewhere, and dated years ago, and by which he proposes to begin his Masonic life anew, without an effort at explanation of all the years that he has been standing outside the door of the Temple without producing one poor lamb, or even a couple of pigeons, for the offering. He seeks to enter at once into full accord with those who have wrought through the intervening years, and complains loudly if he be not permitted. His is a case of suspended animation as wonderful as Rip Van Winkle's Kaatskill sleep, and his Masonic clothing upon his long delayed and unexpected return is about as disarranged and dilapidated. No wonder that the next generation of busy life under the wonderful revolutions which have passed do not always recognize him. Why should they? The world is not always tender to its sons, and the protection and guidance of that soiled dimitt is not as effectual as if he had sat within the gates covered with the transfiguring light of brotherly scrutiny.

I propose that the life of a dimitt shall be limited to one, two or three years. Other codes have their statute of limitations; why not this? And if he chooses to hold it unused longer than the permitted time, let it be of no vital force. Let him be required to renew it at the place from whence it came, and, as it were, from time to time make new statements; if he cannot do this, let him protect himself by joining his brothers somewhere. The Lodges of the whole State and world are open to him, if worthy."

No decisions or rulings are reported—380 of the 451 lodges were represented at the session. The returns show a net increase of 477 during the year, and a total membership, 1st January, 1892, of 23,002 members. The report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the "Veteran" Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. Our 20th Annual, 1891, receives its share of review. It was with a heavy sigh that I took up the proceedings of Iowa, as I could not begin to do them justice, as they are one of the most complete as well as the most carefully prepared of any that come to our notice. In brief, they must be seen and read to be fully appreciated. What would Iowa do without Bro. T. S.

Parvin ?—long may you live, my respected and venerable Brother, to continue in the good work for Masonry at large.

M. W. BRO. R. G. PHELPS,
Grand Master, Atlantic.

R. W. BRO. T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids.

Also, Committee on Correspondence, 50th Annual, to be held at Davenport, June 6th, 1893.

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Florida.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL, JACKSONVILLE, JANUARY 17TH AND 19TH, 1893.

M. W. Angus Patterson, Grand Master. Our Representative not reported as present. This Communication was held in its own beautiful temple. A number of rulings are reported, but are mainly of local constitutional law.

Returns show 4147 Masons, a net increase of 293 during the year. 130 Lodges on the register. No Report on Correspondence.

M. W. MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Master, Gainesville.

R. W. ALBERT J. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

Next Annual 3rd Tuesday in January, 1894, at the Masonic Temple Jacksonville.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, CITY OF HUTCHINSON, FEBY., 1893.

M. W. David B. Fuller, Grand Master, presiding. Our Representative, R. W. W. D. Thompson (now Grand Master), was present. 346 Lodges were represented. The Grand Master reports growth and prosperity. Fraternal relations with all Grand Bodies had not been interrupted by envy, discord nor confusion. But few decisions reported, many having been disposed of by reference to Constitution and By-Laws. There is one rather strange, "Suspension for any offence is always indefinite." This does not hold here, nor in many other jurisdictions. An eloquent oration on "Masonry, its tenets and ministry," was delivered by Rev. Bro. J. W. Wright. It was decided to take the necessary steps towards the organization and incorporation of a Masonic Home. The returns show 351 Lodges with 20051 members, net gain of 1468 for the year. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. John H. Brown. British Columbia for 1892, is reviewed. Speaking of the neglect in reading G. L. Proceeding, "this negligence of spirit seems to pervade the Masonic Lodges the world over; we have a law that requires the reading of the Proceedings on or before a fixed time, yet, seldom is it done. Sometimes we have reason to doubt whether the officers ever read them, judging from the numerous questions asked." The report throughout, is admirably compiled, and contains a great deal of interesting matter, from which we should like to extract freely.

M. W. W. D. THOMPSON,
Grand Master, Eureka.

R. W. JOHN H. BROWN,
Grand Secretary, Kansas City,
also, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Thirty-eighth Annual to be held in the City of Topeka.
Feb. 21st, 1895.

Maine.

SEVENTY THIRD ANNUAL, HELD AT PORTLAND, MAY
3RD-5TH, 1892.

M. W. Henry R. Taylor, Grand Master, presiding; 179
Chartered Lodges out of 191 were represented.

Our Representative was not reported as present. The Grand Master says: "Our relations with sister jurisdictions are, without exception, cordial and harmonious. A just regard for the rights of others, most fraternally reciprocated by the G. L. of Maine, render the present year one of marked freedom from strife or disagreement, and presents the continuance of brotherly love and the dwelling together in unity." But few decisions are reported and are of local interest only. The remarks of our esteemed Bro. Taylor, on the subject of Worshipful Masters, are so beautifully placed before us that I cannot refrain from reproducing them, as they are instructive and worthy of study.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

If we take the comparative representation from the lists of the past two years, we shall find that nearly one-half our Lodges were represented by their Worshipful Masters. This is highly creditable. "The power of the Grand Lodge is the voice of her subordinates, expressed by their constituent heads."

It is fitting that your presence and component value should be recognized in this Grand Lodge, and I would address a word of encouragement and counsel to you.

In the realm of your respective Lodges, you are each a "sovereign."

In the language of your installation charge, "The honor, reputation and usefulness of your respective Lodges materially depend upon the skill and assiduity with which you manage its concerns." Various methods and suggestions may apply to your several localities and surroundings, but I would particularly emphasize the ones which tend to render your Lodges, as Masonic homes, desirable for your attendant members, pleasant and attractive to the visitor, "the stranger within your gates." Think not the whole end of a meeting is answered, by "rush" and routine of business, or that cold, mechanical and formal "ritualism" constitutes true Masonic light.

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The warm clasp of welcome, or the cordial notice, beaming more from the eyes and manner than from the lips of the Master, goes straight to a Brother's heart. It is the talisman of present enjoyment, and is often treasured in pleasing remembrance for many, many years.

In that grim repository of past ages—the Vatican—where the dead of more than twenty centuries lie entombed, as you wander through its subterranean galleries, upon one hand you note the sepulchers of those once famous in Pagan Rome. On the other hand reposes the dust of martyrs and the early Christians, and, even by the symbols and inscriptions, you are reminded of their contrasted lives and the day-springs of their different creeds.

On one side are chiselled words, suggesting *mortality* alone,—on the other, the joys of brighter hopes and of future existence. One displays its lessons of finality, extinction, dust,—the other, peace, hope and resurrection. One tells of departure,—the other of returning life. One points you to the silent grave—dark and forever closed,—the other to a sepulcher, whose stone is already rolled away, revealing the comforting Angel “in raiment white as snow,” whispering “not here,” but with Faith's finger pointing to a Heavenly and Immortal life.

Masonry which is only passive, cold and formal, is like the Pagan creed. Masonry, which is active, ardent and sincere, makes earth the prelude of brighter joys,—immortal and eternal.

I can understand why the Mason's north is Masonically ostracised from the lodge room, when figuratively “a Polar atmosphere freezes out every warm sentiment and emotion of the Brethren; when *congealing*, instead of *congenial* elements predominate. The Arabic “Roba el Kahly,” or “abode of emptiness,” is not more ghastly or forbidding than a lodge-room devoid of human warmth and fraternal sociability.

Masonry does not profess to supplant or become a substitute for man's religion. It has never sought to circumscribe his aspirations, determine his creeds, or define doctrinal points. But it does demand of us a recognition of Divine Supremacy—a development of manly character, and the practice of every moral virtue.

Masonry may not pose as a rigid reformer, or claim to be exclusively a temperance organization. But it has bequeathed to us more than empty symbolism, when it named *Temperance* among the cardinal virtues. Cosmogonists define “cardinal,” as meaning fixed—steadfast. Can the north or east, as cardinal points of the compass, be considered true to *their* definition when veering to their opposites—south or west? Can the devotee of *imprudence*, *injustice*, or *intemperance* dream that *he* is not departing from the cardinal standpoint of his Masonic charge, when wilfully forging for himself the chains which drag him down to infamy and degradation? I do not assume that Masons are addicted to such evils beyond their fellows, nor that “these Galileans were sinners above all other Galileans.” But when we refer to those sources of Masonic offences or trials—even the few brought

before this Grand Lodge—may we not pertinently ask “could not *these* have been avoided by observing “the just medium between intemperance and pleasure,” and in no instance become subservient to passions which do *not* “coincide with the line of our duty?”

Masonry is purity of sentiment, virtue in our relations, sincerity in our discourse, and benevolence in our work. With poverty, it is relief; with weakness, it is strength; and with misfortune, it is discretion, comfort and sympathy. In our life duties, it is the interchange of generous thought, the out-flowing of noble impulses and the highest exercise of brotherly affection. Masons are indeed “Brothers.” The bonds of Fraternity are made stronger as each shall aid his brother in time of need, animate his progress, or incite him to greater usefulness in every good word and work.

The hand promptly “stretched forth to save a falling brother” is often more timely and effectual than the tardy effort of “raising one” already fallen.

Returns show 21,177 members—a net gain of 209, with 191 chartered Lodges. A most fitting and loving tribute was paid the late “Venerable” Grand Secretary of Maine, Bro. Berry, by M. W. Josiah H. Drummond. His closing words are: “And standing to day in this place, where his face has so often pronounced a silent benediction upon us, our emotions cannot be of grief, but rather of triumphant joy, that we shall carry with us to our latest day the benign influence of his long and beneficent life.”

Report on Correspondence is by that most distinguished and able Mason, M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, and is a volume in itself—we won’t attempt to review it, as it must be read to be appreciated. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed.

M. W. HENRY R. TAYLOR,
Grand Master, Machias.

R. W. STEPHEN BERRY,
Grand Secretary, Portland.

M. W. J. H. DRUMMOND,
Chairman Com. on For. Cor., Portland.

Seventy-fourth Annual to be held at Portland, May
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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, CITY OF WINNIPEG, 8TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Grand Master, presiding. Our Representative was not reported present. The G. M. devoted considerable time to visitations. He attended 41 Lodges out of the 46 on register, and says : "To sum up, the impression I formed from my visits throughout the Jurisdiction, is that Masonry is in a healthy, prosperous condition ; most of the Lodges have greatly improved of late, and nowhere are to be found more zealous and capable Masons." Our fraternal Relations with all other Grand Lodges continue to be most harmonious. Only three decisions are reported, the Constitution having covered a large number of questions. Number three meets with our views, "that I could not convene a special Communication of this Grand Lodge, to lay one of four corner-stones of a Church, the other three to be laid by Church officials." State of the Craft : Number of members December, 1891, in 46 Lodges, 1992, a net increase of 140 for the year. Assets in excess of Liabilities \$3,271.00. A vast amount of business of importance to the Jurisdiction was transacted at the Communication. No Report on Correspondence.

M. W. JOHN WM. H. WILSON,
Grand Master, Portage La Prairie.

R. W. MM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

Eighteenth Annual to be held at Winnipeg, 14th June, 1893.

Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS of the Specials of December 16th to 1891, and April 28th to 1892, the former of which was held to install the R. W. S. Grand Warden Bro.

W. Clement Claude—the latter to pay the last sad tribute of respect to R. W. Deputy Grand Master Jacob Erkrebs. Semi-Annual, May 10th, 1892, being the 211th stated Communication. Bro. Thos. J. Shyrook, M. W. Grand Master, in the East. Our representative, Bro. Chas. W. Hatter, was present. The Grand Master in his opening remarks says: "The six months just closing, has been uneventful, except for the large amount of work done in all our Lodges." He pays a most glowing tribute to the late D. G. M. Bro. Krebs, and concludes by saying:—"His loss to the Fraternity cannot be over estimated. We have few men who can fill his place." Report on Correspondence is by Bro. E. T. Schultz. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed. Bro. Schultz devotes considerable space to the "Proposed Fraternal Congress" at Chicago. We deem them of sufficient interest to reproduce his closing remarks.

"The question now suggests itself, what good can result from the holding of the said Congress? The Grand Lodge of Kentucky says the objects sought to be obtained are: "the interchange of fraternal sentiments, conserving the general interests of Masonry throughout the world, and especially looking to a greater uniformity in the modes of recognition, and the fundamental features which characterize our system the world over."

The interchange of fraternal sentiments, etc., may be had at such an assemblage of Masons, but can "greater uniformity in the modes of recognition" or which is of far greater importance, uniformity in the "fundamental features, which (should) characterize our system the world over" be obtained?

With the utmost respect for our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, we say we don't believe they can, at least not in the manner inaugurated by it, and followed by other jurisdictions of appointing *five, seven or more* delegates to attend said Congress.

We do believe, however, that a Convention composed of *one or two earnest, zealous, and well-informed* Brethren from each Jurisdiction might accomplish much good by formulating a *uniform code of laws* for the fraternity, for this, in the opinion of your Committee, is the great and crying need of the hour in our fraternity. We have yet to learn that any "greater uniformity in the modes of recognition" is needed among the Masons of this country, or, indeed, anywhere else, for we have never heard of an instance in which a bright and intelligent Mason was unable to work his way into any *regular lodge* in the world.

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We were taught that the fraternity of Freemasonry was a universal brotherhood, governed by the same fundamental principles and the same general laws, usages, customs and landmarks the world over. Is this true? Is the fraternity, even in our own country, governed by the *same regulations*? Alas! no. Certain Masonic offenses, in one jurisdiction, are not held to be Masonic offenses in an adjoining jurisdiction. Qualifications for entrance into Freemasonry are required by one Grand Lodge which are totally unknown in another. The Grand Master of the *Craft* in one State has, and exercises rights and powers that are denied to a Grand Master of the *Craft* of another jurisdiction, separated simply by an imaginary line. One Grand Lodge permits Past Masters to open and preside over a subordinate lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens, while others, and we are pleased to say the larger number, *will not*.

We might enumerate a score or more cases in which this divergence in regulations exists, and which should not exist, if Freemasonry be what we teach, a universal brotherhood, with which "men of every country, sect and opinion can unite *because* its members wheresoever dispersed, are governed by the *same* fundamental principles, laws and regulations."

Let this Convention also determine what are the "Landmarks of Freemasonry." All Masons agree that there are *Landmarks* but scarcely any two agree as to what they are. Some contend that there are *twenty-five*, others *eighteen*, others *seven*, and we believe there are some who say that there are only *three*. Now is it not high time that we should *know definitely* what they are, or else stop prating about them as we do, and cease to charge our officers *not to* violate a something which they nor anybody else know anything about?

If, therefore, delegates, such as we suggest, duly accredited by their respective Grand Lodges, would assemble at Chicago or elsewhere, and, discarding all other questions, take the Ancient Charges and the Regulations as a basis, formulate (not a Constitution, for that is a *misnomer* in its application to our Fraternity) *Regulations*, incorporating in them such matters as are readily deducible by analogy therefrom, together with well-known and defined usages and customs, we believe that every Grand Lodge of this country, in time, would accept and adopt such a Code, and thus a great and lasting good would be effected. For our Fraternity would then indeed be what we claim it to be, a *universal brotherhood* with which men of every country, sect and opinion can unite on one common level.

The 106th Annual, City of Baltimore, November, 1892. Bro. R. K. Martin, R. W. D. Grand Master, in the East. Our Representative was at his post. The M. W. Grand Master in his address reports "the condition of the Craft throughout the State as indicated by the reports of the

Subordinate Grand Officers, continues good." He decided that "a non-affiliated Mason holding a dimit, has no right to prefer charges against a brother in good standing." M. W. Bro. Shyroek has again been re-elected Grand Master—this being the seventh year he has wielded the gavel of this Grand Lodge. This speaks more than words for his zeal and ability, and that the Craft in the Jurisdiction appreciate him. Abstract of returns show 6,080 Master Masons and 188 initiations for six months.

THOS. J. SHYROCK,
Grand Master, Baltimore.

JACOB H. MEDARY,
Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

EDWARD T. SCHULTZ,
Grand Correspondent, Baltimore.

Next Semi-Annual, Baltimore, May 9th, 1893.

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Minnesota.

FORTIETH ANNUAL IN THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, JANUARY, 1893.

M. W. Alphonso Barto, Grand Master. The Proceedings have a photo-engraving of the Masonic Apron presented to Gen. Washington, by Gen. La Fayette, in the case made for it by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. 179 Lodges, out of 190 on the roll, were represented. Our Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Chas. D. Boyce, was present. The Grand Master reports "the year just passed has been one of peace and prosperity within our jurisdiction. No discord or confusion has disturbed the workmen." Four decisions are rendered, one of which is of interest. "In order to do the business of any Lodge, there must be seven Master Masons of that particular Lodge present, but visiting Brethren may help to make a quorum for the purposes of work."

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was accorded recognition and an exchange of Representatives granted. The expediency of erecting a Masonic Home is being discussed in this jurisdiction. An able oration by Bro. H. J. Peck, Grand Orator, was delivered, which must be read to be fully appreciated.

Returns show 13,384 members, January 1st, 1893. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd. British Columbia for 1892 is reviewed.

M. W. WM. F. DICKINSON,
Grand Master, Redmond Falls.

R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

Irving Todd, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual, (41st,) St. Paul, 10th January, 1894.

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Mississippi.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL, VICKSBURG, FEBRUARY 11TH-12TH,
1892.

M. W. John M. Ware, Grand Master. Our Representative not reported present. The Grand Master says :
“All questions demanding construction of law, have, by me, been referred to the able Committee on Law and Jurisprudence.” Fraternal relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions are of the most fraternal character. Our Lodges were never in a more healthy and prosperous condition than at the present time. 225 lodges were represented at this Communication. Considerable discussion was had on the “Majority” and “Minority” reports on “Saloon Keeping,” which was concluded by adopting the following rule :
“It shall be an offence against Masonry, for any Mason not

now engaged in, to continue in the business of selling intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, after the 1st January next, and the penalty therefor shall be expulsion." The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, present a most elaborate and interesting report, on the numerous questions submitted, but are mainly of local interest, yet would be well worthy of reproduction, as there is some sound Masonic law promulgated. Frederick Speed, P.G.M., is Chairman of this Committee. An extempore eulogy was delivered by P.G.M. Bro. Speed upon the eminent Craftsmen, the late Bros. Pike, Chapman, (Boston) and Berry, (Maine,) concluding his powerful and masterly oration with "Who then shall say that a Craft which comes down to us freighted with the love of all the ages, which teacher the pure love of God, and inculcates the duty of loving thy brother as thyself, which stamps upon the wrong, tramples beneath its feet as unworthy of reasoning and intelligent men, intolerance, bigotry and fanaticism, and emblazons upon its banners, Toleration, Justice, Fraternity, is not worthy of the greatest love and devotion of even the greatest men?" Report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. H. Barkley, whose introductory remarks prove him to be a "Masonic scholar," and a Craftsman of great ability. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891.

M. W. W. A. ROANE,
Grand Master, Oxford.

R. W. J. L. PINDER,
Grand Secretary, Jackson.

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The 75th Annual of Mississippi was held at Natchez, 8th Feby., 1893. The Volume opens with a steel engraving of M. W. Frederick Speed, P.G.M., who looks the bright, intellectual Mason he proves himself to be. Our Representative was not reported present.

This is the "Diamond Anniversary" of this Grand Lodge, and an interesting retrospective review is given by Grand Master Roane. The Order has flourished and grown from 3 Lodges and 128 members in 1818, to 272 Lodges and 8,685 members, and in conclusion, says: "Masonry in Mississippi for the past 75 years has included in its membership the best, the bravest and the truest men of the State." He makes feeling remarks on the fraternal dead of his own and sister jurisdictions. A novel feature was the visit to Grand Lodge by the lady managers and children of the Protestant Orphan Asylum; one of the little girls delivered a poetic address, and after singing "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again," and a collection of \$91 being taken up by four little boys, withdrew. This affecting episode will long be remembered by those present. The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence present another ably digested report on questions propounded to them. The Report of Board of Custodians contains the following, which we commend to the consideration of our own Grand Lodge respecting the proficiency of Masters and agree with Bro. Diehl, of Utah, that the so called Past Master Degree should be "cast in the rubbish of the Temple."

In view of the necessity of uniformity of work in this Grand Jurisdiction, your Committee suggest as a proper measure to secure the requisite proficiency, that the Worshipful Master-elect should be required to pass an examination as to his qualifications, by Grand Lecturer, or by some competent Deputy of said Grand Lecturer, before his installation,—

Respectfully submit, that we have given this important subject the consideration which its importance demands.

Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, very kindly addressed a circular letter to the Grand Secretaries of other Grand Lodges, asking to be informed as to their requirements on this subject, and has furnished us with the replies from thirty-nine Grand Bodies. Most of them have the same regulations as this Grand Lodge.

Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Arizona have regulations almost the same as the proposed resolution, and they seem to work very satisfactorily. With these exceptions no Grand Body on the continent, that we have heard from, require the Master-elect to have a certificate of proficiency.

In Delaware, the Wardens as well as the Master are included.

In Virginia, the Wardens as well as the Master are required to have the Past Master's degree before installation; while Iowa, Utah, North and South Dakota, Montana, Indian Territory, Washington and Ontario discard the Past Master degree entirely. Grand Secretary Deihl, of Utah, says: "The Past Master's degree being foreign to and not a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Grand Lodge in 1888, cast it in the rubbish of the Temple, there to remain forevermore."

Maine and Arkansas sometimes use the Past Master's degree, but do not regard it as essential.

In two jurisdictions any member of the Lodge is eligible to the office of Worshipful Master without having served as Warden.

Several of the Grand Secretaries, express themselves heartily in favor of our proposed regulation, although their respective Grand Lodges have taken no steps in the direction.

We are deeply impressed with the importance of promulgating the Adopted Work. We are also fully convinced of the fact the W. M. should be a man of such moral and social standing as to command the confidence and respect of the community, as well as to be thoroughly versed in the ritual. A thorough knowledge of the teachings of Masonry, we are constrained to believe, will make any one a better man, a better citizen, a better Mason, and consequently qualifies him to a greater extent to reach that moral plane to which every W. M. should aspire.

In most of the Lodges there are a few brethren who could and would learn the work if they had an opportunity. Most of them are unable to pay a lecturer to teach them, and under the present system that is the only way they can obtain the work. The Grand Lodge certainly would not require the Masters-elect to know that which they had no chance to learn.

In 1868, in this good City of Natchez, Bro. H. C. Robinson was elected Grand Lecturer, and since that time much progress toward uniformity has been made, so much so, that we are constrained to believe that the time has come when uniformity should be required, and respectfully recommend that the resolution be adopted to take effect; and to enable the Lodges to comply with its requirements, we would suggest that the Jurisdiction be divided into a suitable number of districts, and that a Lodge of Instruction be held in each district, and each Lodge in the district be required to have at least two members present.

Fraternally,

J. F. McCORMICK,
J. M. WARE,
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The Proceedings throughout are of great interest and highly creditable. We cannot attempt to properly review them. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. H. Barkley. British Columbia for 1892 is reviewed. You have deciphered my name out correctly. Bro. Barkley, and thank you for kindly mention and consideration. So far, we note that Mississippi is the only Jurisdiction that receives reports from these Representatives near other Grand Lodges; "they are useful and not ornamental."

M. W. REV. IRVIN MILLER,
Grand Master, Walnut Grove.

R. W. J. L. PIRNER,
Grand Secretary, Jackson.

Seventy-sixth Annual, Holly Springs, February 15th, 1894.

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Montana

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, DEER LODGE, SEPTEMBER 21ST AND
22ND, 1892.

M. W. R. O. Hickman, Grand Master. The frontispiece contains a portrait of M. W. Bro. Hickman, who possesses a fine intellectual head and determined face, who in his address says: "While we have been exceptionally blessed in the matter of loss by death from our household, it has not been so with others who, bound to us by the closest and warmest of Fraternal ties, are entitled to our sympathies" also "We are not disposed to place 'uniformity in work' as the foremost thing in Masonry, as one of the weightier matters of our institution. We prefer peace and harmony to uniformity and if we cannot have all together, then charity in its full meaning and measure is better than all the rest." Nine decisions are reported but refer and are of interest only to the jurisdiction. Speaking of Grand Representatives, says: "We sincerely hope some-

thing really useful and creditable may be found for these titular grandees to do, or that these titles and commissions may be thrown over among the rubbish," and concludes "We submit this account of our stewardship, and resume our station in the ranks as ready and willing to follow as to lead, to serve as to govern." Our representative was not reported as present. A public Installation of Grand Lodge Officers was held.

"At the conclusion of the installation services by P.G.M. Logan, the retiring Grand Master stepped forward and, as his last official act, invested his successor with the signet ring presented by P. G. Master Word, to his successor, on retiring from office, with the injunction that it be transmitted from one to another, so long as there should be Grand Masters of Masons in Montana. Its conception was most appropriate and significant. Its material, form and inscription, all have their symbolic meaning. Time may measurably wear away the material of which it is composed, but, if worthily worn, it will also add a value in the associations connected therewith, richer than gold; so wear and transmit it."

The Grand Secretary in conclusion of Report on Banquet, &c., says: "When the rest of the Craft were getting their eloquence down from their heads into their feet, we were trying, rather unsuccessfully, to get to bed—*Sic transit.*"

Returns show 34 Chartered Lodges and 2147 members, a gain of 172 during the year. Report on Correspondence is by Grand Secretary Bro. Hedges, one of the "Veterans" of the "Guild" and an able exponent of Masonic law and practice. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed. Bro. Hedges reports his visit to Victoria as one of pleasure. We hope you will call to see us again.

M. W. MOSES MORRIS,
Grand Master, Helena.

R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES,
Grand Secretary,
also, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Twenty-ninth Annual, Helena, October, 1893.

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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL, ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER 11TH, 1892.

BENTON H. Ingram, Grand Master, who in his able address deals largely with the social and moral features of Masonry, saying: "If the Brethren—especially the officers—of our Lodges, would give more attention to the social features of Masonry, I have no doubt it would result in bringing us into close and stronger bonds of fraternal love and friendship." We always advocated this while in office of Grand Master—too much cold, routine work is done in our Lodges—"all work and no play."

Since last Communication, two Past Grand Masters have crossed the silent river, and taken up their abode on the other side. I am happy to report that our relations with all sister Grand Lodges, with which we are in fraternal correspondence, still continue to be of the most pleasant and cordial character. He had been called upon to decide but few questions, and only one is recorded. The closing remarks of the address are of pure Masonic love, and calls upon the Craft to live by the teachings of Masonry. Two hundred and seventy-two Lodges were represented at the session. Our Representative is not reported as present. Returns show 558 Chartered Lodges and 29,724 members, showing 908 increase for the year. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. John D. Vincil, who is an accomplished writer, of fifteen years experience, and recognized authority on Masonic law and jurisprudence. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed.

M. W. JOHN R. PARSON,
Grand Master, St. Louis.

R. W. JOHN D. VINCIL,
Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

Seventy-third Annual will be held at St. Louis, October 10th, 1893.

Nevada

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, RENO, 14TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. Frank Bell, Grand Master, in the East, who says in his address : " Permit me to call your attention to the memory of those who have gone before to their eternal rest. In our own jurisdiction we are called upon to mourn the loss of twenty-eight brothers, many of them active workers and zealous Masons. In our sister jurisdictions the Great Reaper has been unusually active, and no words of mine are adequate to express the loss the Fraternity has sustained." The "Uniformity of Ritual" is also agitating this jurisdiction. A number of decisions are reported but all of local interest. Our Representative not reported as present. Although a small jurisdiction, yet we find the business carefully and efficiently transacted. We hope the present year may be one of greater prosperity for our sister jurisdiction than the past year, which, owing to the great depression of business, militated against the growth of the Craft. Report on Correspondence is by W. Bro. R. L. Fulton, who in his opening remarks says : " Father Time has used a mowing machine instead of a scythe this year, and has harvested a numerous and noble crop." British Columbia is reviewed for 1891.

Returns, 19 Lodges, 966 members.

JOHN H. HUBBS,
Grand Master, Virginia.

C. N. NOTEWARE,
Grand Secretary, Carson.

R. L. Fulton, Reno, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Twenty-ninth Annual to be held at Reno, second Tuesday, June, 1893.

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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, OMAHA, JUNE 15TH, 16TH, 17TH, 1892

M. W. B. D. Slaughter, Grand Master 183 Lodges of the 195 were represented. The Grand Master says:

"Peace and Prosperity hath attended the Craft throughout this jurisdiction, and our foreign relations remain harmonious with all the world." We extract the following as well worthy the consideration of our members (and hope it will be read in all our Lodges.)

'That which has been done is a matter of record; the prosperous growth of the Lodges, larger than ever before, is a matter of history; the returns are all in, the books are closed, the balance sheet is made up, and we might well congratulate ourselves upon the grand results. But I pause, and wonder if, during the rush of work, 'mid the hurry of business and the multiplicity of cares, we have not left undone many things that we ought to have done.

The year has passed away, carrying with it the fruition of many fond hopes, the disappointments of unaccomplished desires and the unfulfilled measure of many ambitious projects.

Would it not be well to pause at the commencement of the new year, and instead of building bright promises for the future, look backward and consider those things which should have been done, the omission of which is known only to the individual self?

Have we, as Master Masons, done all which we should have done to ameliorate the condition of mankind? Has your Masonic Lodge performed any work which has contributed to the advancement or the betterment of humanity within your jurisdiction? Have you administered to the relief of any poor or distressed brother? Have you contributed to the necessities of any Master Mason's widow or orphans? Have you watched over and cared for those not needing assistance, but whose hearts have been bowed down in sorrow through bereavement, through sickness or adversity? Have you carefully guarded the footsteps of those Brethren who have been in danger of straying from the path of rectitude and manhood? Have you impressed upon the mind of the initiate that our Fraternity should ever guard the welfare, should ever seek the advancement, should ever be ready to lend a helping hand, ever ready to counsel and strengthen, as well as to admonish, an erring Brother, and assist him in a determination to reclaim his lost advantages?

Have you given proper attention to the creation of a spirit of emulation among the Brethren sufficient to cause a lively interest in the

regular and special meetings of the Lodge? Have you carefully guarded the Lodge by rejecting all unworthy materials?

Have you discussed in the Lodge those great principles which call attention to the duties as well as the privileges of our Institution?

Have you interested the young Masons so as to make them enthusiastic workers, and by so doing made the Lodge a pleasant and profitable place of meeting, thus drawing these young men away from the snares and temptations which beset us upon every side?

Do you realize that there is no place better calculated to improve the young man in that education which becomes more valuable in years after than in the Lodge? In our sanctum sanctorum you can inculcate into his mind the grand lessons of obedience, teach him self-reliance, and as he progresses he cannot fail to appreciate the value of the ability to preside and command.

I throw out these suggestions with the idea that you may examine the work of the past year and see wherein you have omitted to do those things which should have been done, and wherein, possibly, you may have done those things which ought not to have been done.

I believe in a practical Freemasonry. That Freemasonry that, while it makes a man competent to travel in foreign countries, work and receive Master's wages, and educates him in the ritualistic work so that he can at all times prove himself, at the same time inculcates within him, by precept upon precept and line upon line, those fundamental principles which make him a better citizen and a better man, that which makes him a more obedient son, a more loving husband and a wiser and nobler father.

That practical kind of Freemasonry which is willing and anxious to study other parts of the world, not being satisfied to sit down within the prescribed horizon of their own surroundings, but which reaches out after the great fund of information which can be garnered from the pages of history, not the mythical productions of legendary lore, but that knowledge which instructs us as to what Masons to-day are practicing and should practice in all the civilized world.

That practical Freemasonry which prefers the Craftsman to a profane.

That practical Freemasonry which leads us to protect the weak, defend the virtuous, and reverence those holy ties of home which all experience demonstrates are so necessary to the stability and prosperity of any nation's existence.

That practical kind of Freemasonry which will go on foot and out of the way to render service in time of need, that will extend the hand with a hearty grip of fellowship, that will raise a fallen Brother to place him on his feet, that is not only willing to admonish and counsel but ready to aid and assist.

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Returns show net gains for year 522. Total membership 10,239. Grand Lodge funds \$10,832. Our Representative not reported as present. A large amount of business (of local interest) was transacted. Report on Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Bonen, Grand Secretary, who has seen thirty years in the service. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891. There is an error I would respectfully call Bro. Bonen's attention to, in quoting me (in my address as D. G. M.) as speaking of the *Honorary* degree of a Fellow Craft. By reference to the address I find the word to be *Honorable*. The report throughout is carefully prepared, showing a great amount of brain, time and labor expended. It would afford us much pleasure could we extract some of the valuable matter therein contained.

M. W. S. P. DAVIDSON,
Grand Master, Tecumseh.

R. W. Wm. R. BONEN,
Grand Secretary, Omaha.

Next Annual Omaha, 14th June, 1893.

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New Hampshire.

SEMI-ANNUAL, MANCHESTER, 29TH DECEMBER, 1892.

R. D. WOODBURY, M. W. Grand Master. Our Representative not present. This Communication was called for the exemplification of work which was carried out by three different Lodges on duly elected candidates, in the several degrees. The M. W. Grand Master complimented the Lodges for the very correct and impressive manner in which the ritual of the Grand Lodge had been rendered.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL, CITY OF CONCORD,
18TH MAY, 1892.

F. D. Woodbury, M. W. Grand Master. Our Representative not present. R.W. Bro. J. S. Africa, G. M. of Pennsylvania, was in attendance, and was welcomed and introduced. The Grand Master reports: "The year that has passed has been peaceful and prosperous, and although the increase in our membership has been small, still it has been as large as could well be expected, in view of the fact that there has been no large increase in the population of our Jurisdiction. Since last Annual, four members of Grand Lodge had died, and the G. M. pays tribute to them in his "Necrology." Returns show 78 Lodges, with 8,631 members—net increase of 89 for the year. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. S. Wait, which is quite a little volume in itself. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891.

M. W. JOHN PENDER,
Grand Master, Portsmouth.

R. W. GEO. P. CARES,
Grand Secretary, Concord.

Next Semi-Annual, Manchester, 27th December, 1892.
Next Annual, Concord, 17th May, 1893.

New York.

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ANNUAL, CITY OF NEW YORK,
7TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. Wm. Sherer, Grand Master, whose photo adorns the opening page, as also that of the Venerable Mason, Robt. Macoy. Our Representative, R. W. Thos. Bell, was present. The Grand Master said: "The year now passed into history has been made bright with the

sunshine of Masonic success. Everywhere in this great State, from the ocean to the lakes, our Lodges have been blessed with an unprecedented prosperity. Scores of good men and true have been added to the Fraternity, and with scarcely an interruption, the utmost harmony has characterized the action of all our brethren." Fraternal tribute is paid to the deceased brethren of this and sister jurisdictions. Our foreign relations remain unchanged, and we are most cordial with all the Grand Lodges with whom we are in correspondence. Returns show 723 Lodges (715 of whom were represented at the session), every one of which had made their returns. Total Membership, 31st December, 1891, 80,623, a net gain for the year of 1530. Receipts \$69,635.79. Disbursements \$66,714.78. We next have a photo of the Masonic Home and School, at Utica, N. Y., which is a large, handsome structure, and does great credit to the Masonic Fraternity of the State, at a total cost of \$121,814.00. Report on Correspondence is by Jesse B. Anthony, Chairman; Chas. Sackreuter, and G. M. Gown, Committee. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed. The report of New York contains reviews of more "Foreign Grand Lodges" than any that has been presented to us. With much pleasure and satisfaction we reproduce the elaborate and carefully prepared tables of "Statistics," by this Committee, and is well worthy careful perusal, containing valuable information:

STATISTICS.

The accompanying tables have been compiled from the Proceedings reviewed, and not only present the numerical standing and work of the Craft, in this and other countries in correspondence, but in addition thereto, attention is directed to the "Comparison Table," which embraces points of interest in each jurisdiction, and furnishes the standard ratio of the growth per cent. of net increase and rank of progress.

GRAND LODGE.	DATE OF MEETING.	No. Sub-ordinates	Foreign Correspondence.
Alabama.....	Dec. 1, 1891	337	Palmer J. Pillars, Belknap
Arizona.....	Nov. 10, 1891	9	Morris Goldwater, Prescott
Arkansas.....	Nov. 17, 1891	434	Sam H. Davidson, Evening Shade.
California.....	Oct. 13, 1891	246	William H. Edwards.
Colorado.....	Sept. 15, 1891	75	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver.
Connecticut.....	Jan. 20, 1892	111	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford
Delaware.....	Oct. 7, 1891	21	Lewis H. Jackson, Milford.
District of Columbia.....	Nov. 11, 1891	23	William R. Singleton, Washington.
Florida.....	Jan. 19, 1892	122	De Wit C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Oct. 27, 1891	366	Benjamin H. Bigham.
Idaho.....	Sept. 8, 1891	17	Charles C. Stevenson, Boise City.
Illinois.....	Oct. 6, 1891	682	Joseph Robbins, Quincy.
Indiana.....	May 26, 1891	469	Thomas B. Long, Terre Haute.
Indian Territory.....	Aug. 18, 1891	48	Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka.
Iowa.....	June 2, 1891	452	Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.
Kansas.....	Feb. 17, 1892	314	John H. Brown, Kansas City.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 7, 1891	421	James W. Staton, Brooksville.
Louisiana.....	Feb. 3, 1892	115	J. O. A. Fellows, New Orleans.
Maine.....	May 3, 1891	192	Josiah H. Drummond, Portland.
Maryland.....	Nov. 17, 1891	91	Edward T. Shultz, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Dec. 29, 1891	228	
Michigan.....	Jan. 26, 1892	369	Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Jan. 13, 1892	184	Irving Todd.
Mississippi.....		*278	Alexander H. Barkley, Crawford.
Missouri.....	Oct. 13, 1891	535	John D. Vincil, St. Louis.
Montana.....	Oct. 14, 1891	38	Cornelius Hedges, Helena.
Nebraska.....	June 17, 1891	168	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.....	June 9, 1891	19	R. L. Fulton, Reno.
New Hampshire.....	May 20, 1891	78	Albert S. Wait, Newport.
New Jersey.....	Jan. 27, 1892	160	Henry Vehsme, Irvington.
New York.....	June 2, 1891	721	Jesse B. Anthony, Troy.
New Mexico.....	June 26, 1891	17	Max Frost, Santa Fe.
North Carolina.....	Jan. 12, 1892	263	Julius C. Martin.
North Dakota.....	June 16, 1891	34	Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton.
Ohio.....	Oct. 21, 1891	491	Wm. M. Cunningham, Columbus.
Oregon.....	June 10, 1891	34	Stephen F. Chadwick, Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Dec. 28, 1891	395	Richard Vaux, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	May 18, 1891	39	Henry W. Rugg, Providence.
South Carolina.....	Dec. 8, 1891	181	Chas. Ingleby, Charleston.
South Dakota.....	June 9, 1891	74	Wm. Blatt, Yankton.
Tennessee.....	Jan. 27, 1892	411	George C. Connor, Chattanooga.
Texas.....	Dec. 8, 1891	540	Thomas M. Matthews, Athens.
Utah.....	Jan. 19, 1892	7	Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	June 10, 1891	101	Marah O. Perkins, Windsor.
Virginia.....	Dec. 15, 1891	243	Wm. F. Drinkard, Richmond.
Washington.....	June 9, 1891	78	Thos M. Reed, Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Nov. 10, 1891	98	George W. Atkinson, Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	June 9, 1891	217	Duncan McGregor, Platteville.
Wyoming.....	Dec. 1, 1891	13	Wm. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga.
British Columbia.....	June 18, 1891	10,656	
Canada.....	July 15, 1891	10	A. R. Milne, Victoria.
Manitoba.....	June 10, 1891	348	Henry Robertson, Collingwood.
New Brunswick.....	Apr. 28, 1891	39	Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia.....	June 10, 1891	82	
Prince Edward Island.....	June 24, 1891	62	David Nelsh.
Quebec.....	Jan. 28, 1891	12	
		57	E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec City.
Total.....		11,216	

Report 1891.

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GRAND LODGE	Membership.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Died.	Dimitted	Suspended and N. P. of Dues.	Suspended and Expelled.	Net Gain.	Net Loss
Alabama.....	10448	944	516	223	194	537	207	33	652	..
Arizona.....	451	30	20	3	7	14	20	1	22	..
Arkansas.....	19191	951	529	109	232	980	313	37	587	..
California.....	18262	691	692	136	329	436	325	3	431	..
Colorado.....	5719	490	347	23	64	165	140	11	470	..
Connecticut.....	15641	628	98	41	278	102	144	6	237	..
Delaware.....	1787	125	4	3	18	19	9	4	82	..
Dist. of Columbia.	4202	374	109	38	72	72	45	..	332	..
Florida.....	3910	351	147	38	70	211	82	6	166	..
Georgia.....	14703	1179	500	..	329	811	215	..	1253	..
Idaho.....	825	43	24	2	15	33	9	..	12	..
Illinois.....	63980	2715	1063	324	610	1227	734	23	1549	..
Indiana.....	24771	350	623	247	343	732	453	43	874	..
Indian Territory..	1570	142	133	59	12	148	23	1	147	..
Iowa.....	22525	1179	598	203	259	1238	288	33	62	..
Kansas.....	18426	1239	612	88	164	924	303	25	337	..
Kentucky.....	16485	1364	458	329	273	771	683	15	429	..
Louisiana.....	45590	252	133	60	110	159	59	2	105	..
Maine.....	20868	858	129	75	307	251	218	3	284	..
Maryland.....	5808	339	73	32	96	122	65	4	187	..
Massachusetts.....	31786	1683	289	91	431	454	244	1	906	..
Michigan.....	33666	2056	592	114	433	769	513	13	1074	..
Minnesota.....	12830	922	298	50	131	430	182	6	521	..
Mississippi.....	*6390	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Missouri.....	28816	1692	1044	237	336	1061	484	70	992	..
Montana.....	2007	108	10	109	32	50	69	2	184	..
Nebraska.....	9717	695	507	60	86	458	265	18	435	..
Nevada.....	991	32	20	17	26	39	28	..	7	..
New Hampshire.....	8542	494	..	18	138	113	55	2	209	..
New Jersey.....	14320	702	179	93	224	183	279	3	371	..
New York.....	77923	4825	917	1022	1260	1217	2114	25	21527	..
New Mexico.....	696	45	36	9	7	35	12	..	36	..
North Carolina.....	10513	899	281	107	163	251	108	38	727	..
North Dakota.....	1594	185	63	14	10	86	48	1	104	..
Ohio.....	35603	1972	659	947	448	856	1411	109	763	..
Oregon.....	3918	315	163	22	51	119	802	6	243	..
Pennsylvania.....	42412	2482	552	..	716	444	668	..	1311	..
Rhode Island.....	4177	237	27	8	49	19	16	2	186	..
South Carolina.....	6058	475	..	..	108	190	96	..	356	..
South Dakota.....	3565	256	169	13	38	198	73	10	114	..
Tennessee.....	17729	985	708	118	327	597	319	42	596	..
Texas.....	23193	1534	1424	225	418	1561	389	46	769	..
Utah.....	544	39	41	6	4	14	10	1	57	..
Vermont.....	3635	442	158	21	13	201	162	11	191	..
Virginia.....	10874	1100	145	125	167	352	162	13	644	..
Washington.....	30449	313	350	17	43	139	62	11	567	..
West Virginia.....	4258	372	107	51	64	141	101	11	417	..
Wisconsin.....	13999	731	250	64	22	341	250	2	253	..
Wyoming.....	708	68	23	2	2	13	15	3	58	..
Total.....	666,022	41,060	15,874	5,606	9,858	19,007	13,034	696	22,298	7
British Columbia...	729	55	37	2	6	32	11	..	48	..
Canada.....	20892	1548	470	212	255	681	729	17	548	..
Manitoba.....	1878	167	135	22	14	114	83	1	142	..
New Brunswick.....	1851	82	24	6	27	52	43	1	..	5
Nova Scotia.....	2004	201	57	31	38	108	101	1	41	..
Prince Ed. Isl'd.....	509	17	6	..	3	14	3	..	8	..
Quebec.....	3060	215	46	21	41	78	109	1	58	..
Total.....	697,842	43,345	16,649	5,906	10,242	20,086	14,113	717	23,133	12

*Report of 1891

COMPARISON TABLE.

Grand Lodge.	Numerical Standing.	Subordinate Lodges.			Percentage of New Work.	Percentage of Net Gain.	Ratio of New Work.
		Maximum.	Minimum.	Average to each Lodge.			
Alabama	24	128	8	31	.09.63	.06.65	10
Arizona	49	76	13	50	.07.	.05.12	23
Arkansas	20	166	8	30	.07.51	.04.24	18
California	15	442	16	66	.04.36	.02.72	46
Colorado	31	531	16	76	.11.29	.11.05	8
Connecticut	16	576	25	141	.04.01	.01.54	48
Delaware	41	302	18	85	.07.38	.04.80	22
District of Columbia	34	402	41	183	.09.92	.05.58	5
Florida	87	103	6	31	.09.35	.04.43	11
Georgia	17	.....	.....	40	.08.75	.09.31	13
Idaho	45	112	13	48	.05.28	.01.47	43
Illinois	2	555	13	64	.06.40	.03.05	29
Indiana	8	331	10	53	.05.65	.03.63	39
Indian Territory	43	62	10	33	.09.98	.10.38	7
Iowa	10	201	17	50	.05.24	.....	44
Kansas	12	314	13	53	.06.85	.01.86	24
Kentucky	14	342	8	39	.09.50	.02.07	14
Louisiana	32	206	12	40	.05.62	.02.34	40
Maine	11	324	28	109	.04.14	.01.39	47
Maryland	80	237	9	64	.06.85	.03.29	25
Massachusetts	6	432	31	140	.05.45	.02.33	41
Michigan	6	540	20	89	.06.84	.03.35	28
Minnesota	21	325	10	70	.07.49	.04.23	19
Mississippi*	28	.....	.....	.....	.08.	.05.32	17
Missouri	7	370	12	52	.06.06	.03.20	31
Montana	40	171	15	60	.10.86	.10.	5
Nebraska	25	290	15	52	.07.48	.04.49	20
Nevada	44	111	16	52	.08.20	.....	49
New Hampshire	27	295	34	109	.05.91	.02.50	34
New Jersey	18	299	19	89	.05.68	.02.66	37
New York	1	546	15	108	.06.37	.02.84	30
New Mexico	47	96	17	41	.06.88	.05.45	27
North Carolina	23	111	7	49	.09.18	.07.43	12
North Dakota	42	189	20	47	.12.41	.07.00	2
Ohio	4	437	9	72	.05.66	.02.19	38
Oregon	36	164	9	46	.05.85	.04.61	36
Pennsylvania	3	453	27	107	.06.02	.02.94	32
Rhode Island	35	401	9	116	.05.94	.01.68	33
South Carolina	29	127	9	33	.08.33	.05.36	15
South Dakota	39	196	14	48	.07.41	.03.30	21
Tennessee	13	213	8	42	.05.88	.03.50	35
Texas	9	215	9	43	.06.84	.03.48	26
Utah	43	116	15	77	.08.	.11.70	16
Vermont	26	239	31	86	.05.22	.02.27	45
Virginia	22	251	9	43	.11.60	.06.43	4
Washington	35	207	9	50	.10.16	.13.39	6
West Virginia	33	149	16	46	.09.68	.0.85	9
Wisconsin	19	300	11	64	.05.36	.01.83	42
Wyoming	46	171	24	54	.14.60	.08.92	1
British Columbia		152	20	72	.08.11	.07.00	
Canada		288	7	60	.07.60	.02.69	
Manitoba		151	8	48	.09.62	.08.18	
New Brunswick		141	17	59	.04.42	.....	
Nova Scotia		113	18	47	.07.	.01.43	
Prince Edward Island		86	27	42	.08.35		
Quebec		123	17	54	.07.	.01.76	

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STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1889	1890	1891	1892
Grand Lodges.....	55	56	56	56
Number of Subordinate Lodges.....	10,709	10,817	11,029	11,216
Raised.....	32,271	36,741	38,186	43,345
Affiliated.....	14,086	15,688	14,898	16,649
Restored.....	5,550	6,401	5,552	5,900
Died.....	8,311	8,848	8,878	10,242
Omitted.....	16,830	17,161	16,709	20,086
Suspended for non-payment of dues..	13,542	13,876	12,597	14,113
Suspended and expelled.....	650	650	595	717
Membership.....	629,084	648,361	670,170	697,342

Based upon the Tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, that :

The accession by new work has been 6 38-100 per cent.
 The additions by affiliation and restoration..... 3 33-100 per cent.
 The losses by death are 1 53-100 per cent.
 The losses from non-payment of dues equal..... 2 02-100 per cent.
 The net gain of the year (22,208) is equal to..... 3 46-100 per cent.

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order : New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Iowa, etc.

The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following : District of Columbia (183), Connecticut (141), Massachusetts (140), Rhode Island (116), Maine (109), New Hampshire (109), New York (108), Pennsylvania (107), etc.

The jurisdictions having Lodges of the largest membership are in the following order : Connecticut, 576 ; Illinois, 555 ; New York, 546 ; Michigan, 540 ; Colorado, 531 ; Minnesota, 535 ; Pennsylvania, 453 ; California, 442 ; Ohio, 437 ; Massachusetts, 432 ; District of Columbia, 402 ; Rhode Island, 401 ; etc.

SPECIAL TABLE.

We present an extra table, covering an exhibit of the Masonic Fraternity in its different branches, in connection with the population of the country, based upon the census of 1890. In doing this we omit the colored population where largely prominent, as it is in eighteen States, and thereby give a fair comparison between all the Grand Jurisdictions. The table also furnishes comparisons of interest between the different grades of the Masonic system.

MASONIC FRATERNITY IN CONNECTION WITH POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY, BASED UPON THE CENSUS OF 1890.
AND COMPARISON BETWEEN DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE INSTITUTION.

STATE.	White Population.	Master Masons.	Ratio of Master Masons to Population. One to —	Royal Arch Masons.	Ratio of Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons. One to —	Cryptic Rite.	Ratio of R. & S. Masters to Royal Arch Masons. One to —	Knights Templar.	Ratio to Master Masons One to —	Ratio to Royal Arch Masons. One to —
Alabama	830,796	9,546	87.03	725	13.16			398	30.99	2.85
Arizona	80,620	429	138.92	137	3.13			46	9.11	3.00
Arkansas	816,517	12,654	64.60	1,689	7.49	358	4.61	469	27.10	3.60
California	1,268,180	13,831	76.31	4,690	3.40	1,015	4.58	2,553	4.30	1.92
Colorado	412,198	3,252	78.45	1,306	3.36	331	59.11	1,694	8.87	1.82
Connecticut	138,258	19,363	44.05	3,357	4.76	2,315	1.99	1,451	7.39	2.49
Delaware	189,258	3,690	52.07	1,357	2.51			230	7.39	1.55
District of Columbia	154,352	3,882	40.28	1,525	2.51	81	16.82	984	3.89	1.55
Florida	221,461	4,115	54.50	411	10.19	57	7.21	118	34.89	3.48
Georgia	973,482	13,450	72.37	1,677	8.08	339	4.94	511	23.32	3.28
Idaho	84,385	751	112.35	210	3.58			47	16.	4.68
Illinois	3,629,351	42,369	90.64	13,279	3.19	1,704	7.79	7,647	5.54	1.73
Indiana	2,192,404	23,890	91.77	5,443	4.38	1,981	2.74	2,878	8.30	1.89
Iowa	200,000	1,357	147.38	184	7.37	19	9.70			
Kansas	1,911,898	22,463	85.15	6,449	3.48	345		3,763	5.92	1.70
	1,374,882	18,089	76.	3,917	4.61		11.36	2,383	7.59	1.64

Kentucky.....	15,974	99.25	2,373	6.73	578	1,659	9.45	1.46	4.10
Louisiana.....	15,712	125.58	584	7.88	180	293	14.72	2.00	3.65
Maryland.....	21,675	31.97	4,630	4.40	1,206	2,438	8.39	1.90	3.68
Massachusetts.....	5,491	150.09	1,366	4.03	3,907	907	6.05	1.50	4.45
Michigan.....	2,238,843	72.50	10,722	2.87	3,800	7,163	4.31	2.22	2.82
Minnesota.....	2,063,869	65.71	9,733	3.27	2,429	2,067	7.29	1.58	4.94
Missouri.....	1,301,626	106.96	8,275	3.71	662	2,897	5.89	3.14	5.80
Mississippi.....	539,703	64.32	934	8.96	161	3,435	28.25	1.33	18.47
Montana.....	2,524,468	90.73	5,295	5.28	285	2,298	8.10	2.20	9.67
Nebraska.....	27,824	72.09	567	3.23	250	1,315	7.10	2.25	9.67
Nevada.....	1,098,910	114.06	2,418	3.53	.....	1,322	7.15	1.72	2.56
New Hampshire.....	45,761	45.85	842	2.91	.....	1,528	5.91	1.93	7.39
New Jersey.....	1,333	45.18	2,681	2.81	1,445	1,415	9.74	1.68	5.89
New York.....	1,414,963	108.35	12,780	3.11	3,070	8,683	8.74	1.60	5.89
North Carolina.....	5,372,453	16.22	16,280	4.58	2,997	1,633	4.27	2.69	2.96
New Mexico.....	1,049,356	220.68	629	11.86	31	234	31.79	1.86	3.58
North Dakota.....	7,439	141.04	629	11.86	300	180	8.18	1.80	3.58
Ohio.....	1,464	124.84	355	4.12	12	6,351	5.48	3.90	7.19
Oregon.....	3,672,316	118.84	11,432	39.17	3,159	1,127	15.65	1.42	8.08
Pennsylvania.....	3,684	158.63	913	4.01	127	234	4.70	1.47	1.86
Rhode Island.....	5,298,014	127.64	12,467	3.30	1,554	8,758	2.98	4.64	4.15
South Carolina.....	3,984	87.16	1,957	2.02	1,049	1,327	64.80	1.89	5.56
South Dakota.....	458,454	90.40	407	14.00	98	539	6.05	2.76	1.38
Tennessee.....	5,702	97.13	1,059	3.19	377	967	17.31	1.82	2.42
Texas.....	1,832,971	76.61	2,097	7.98	3,176	1,532	14.97	1.95	2.42
Utah.....	1,741,180	80.76	4,285	5.09	.....	1,04	7.58	1.47	4.15
Vermont.....	207,905	427.76	180	2.96	927	1,133	7.58	1.47	4.15
Virginia.....	332,422	38.02	2,249	3.88	.....	1,634	12.56	1.41	4.15
Washington.....	1,014,080	102.18	1,571	6.32	.....	2,272	7.22	1.98	4.15
West Virginia.....	948,390	122.80	846	5.12	.....	572	5.69	1.44	4.15
Wisconsin.....	723,282	123.61	4,488	3.15	.....	2,238	5.69	1.44	4.15
Wyoming.....	1,066,361	123.61	223	2.91	.....	154	4.22	1.44	4.15
.....	60,705	198.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	55,753,391	87.10	156,534	4.09	33,805	86,876	7.36	1.80	4.70

The field, from a Master Mason standpoint, is worked the closest in the following jurisdictions. The largest proportion of Master Masons to population is shown in the following rank :

Maine.....	31.97	Connecticut.....	48.13	Montana.....	72.09
Vermont.....	38.02	Florida.....	54.50	Georgia.....	72.37
Dist. of Columbia.....	40.28	Mississippi.....	64.32	Massachusetts.....	72.50
New Hampshire.....	45.18	Arkansas.....	64.60	Kansas.....	76.00
Nevada.....	45.85	Michigan.....	65.71	California.....	76.81
New York.....			79.15		

In Capitular Masonry the jurisdictions which have done the largest percentage of work in the Master Mason field are found in the following order :

Rhode Island.....	2.02	Michigan.....	3.27	Vermont.....	3.88
Dist. of Columbia.....	2.51	Pennsylvania.....	3.30	Maryland.....	4.00
New Hampshire.....	2.81	Colorado.....	3.36	Oregon.....	4.01
Massachusetts.....	2.87	Connecticut.....	3.36	North Dakota.....	4.12
Nevada.....	2.91	California.....	3.40	Indiana.....	4.38
Wisconsin.....	3.05	Iowa.....	3.48	Maine.....	4.40
Illinois.....	3.19	Minnesota.....	3.71	Kansas.....	4.61
South Dakota.....	3.19	Nebraska.....	3.83	New York.....	4.68

In the Cryptic Rite, based upon the Royal Arch membership, the ratio of standing is in the following order :

Texas.....	1.33	Indiana.....	2.74	Kentucky.....	4.10
Rhode Island.....	1.86	North Dakota.....	2.96	South Carolina.....	4.15
Connecticut.....	1.99	Ohio.....	3.53	California.....	4.58
North Carolina.....	2.09	Louisiana.....	3.65	Arkansas.....	4.61
Vermont.....	2.42	Maine.....	3.88	Georgia.....	4.94
New Hampshire.....	2.56	Michigan.....	4.00	Minnesota.....	4.94
New York.....			5.39		

Turning to the Chivalric Orders, we find that from those who have become Royal Arch Masons, there have been created Knights Templars in the following proportions in order as given :

Washington.....	1.40	Massachusetts.....	1.49	Kansas.....	1.64
Kentucky.....	1.40	Maryland.....	1.50	Iowa.....	1.70
Colorado.....	1.42	Missouri.....	1.53	New Hampshire.....	1.72
Pennsylvania.....	1.42	Delaware.....	1.55	Illinois.....	1.73
Virginia.....	1.47	Dist. of Columbia.....	1.55	Ohio.....	1.80
Rhode Island.....	1.47	Minnesota.....	1.58	California.....	1.82
Nebraska.....	1.83	New York.....	1.86		

The general average of all jurisdictions is as follows :

Master Masons to population.....	1 to 87.10
Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons.....	1 to 4.09
Knights Templars to Master Masons.....	1 to 7.86
Knights Templars to Royal Arch Masons.....	1 to 1.80
R.° and S.° Masters to Knights Templars.....	1 to 2.61
R.° and S.° Masters to Royal Arch Masons.....	1 to 4.70

The foregoing table shows the following interesting facts in its application to any one Grand Jurisdiction, for instance :

New York has 75,775 Master Masons, a proportion of *one* to each 79 15-100 of its population of 5, 997,853.

• Of this number of Master Masons, 16,182 are Royal Arch Masons, a ratio of *one* Royal Arch Mason to every 4 68-100 of Master Masons (equal to 21 35-100 per cent.)

In the Chivalric Order 8,663 are Knights Templars, which is in the ratio of *one* Knight Templar to every 8 74-100 Master Masons (equal to 11 43-100 per cent.), or *one* Knight Templar to every 1 86-100 Royal Arch Mason (equal to 53 53-100 per cent.)

In the Criptic Rite, with a membership of 2,867 we find *one* to every 5 39-100 Royal Arch Masons, and that of Knights Templars *one* in every 2 92-100 are Council members.

While the compilation of this table has been considerable labor, yet presenting as it does, a comparison at a very nearly even date, approximate to the census enumeration, it exhibits in a comprehensive manner facts of interest and importance to the Fraternity at large.

North Dakota.

THIRD ANNUAL, GRAND FORKS, 28TH JUNE, 1892.

JOHN F. Selby, M. W. Grand Master, presiding. Our Representative not reported present. The Grand Master reports: "The past year has not been fraught with special eventful circumstances, peace and harmony having in the main prevailed, and prosperity abideth the Craft. Our Fraternal relations are the most cordial with other Grand Jurisdictions."

Returns show a net gain of 155, and total membership 1732. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thos. J. Wilder. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891.

M. W. ALBERT B. HERRICK,
Grand Master, Fisbon.

R. W. FRANK J. THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary, Fargo.

Thos. J. Wilder, Casselton, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Fourth Annual, Devil's Lake, 13th June, 1893.

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North Carolina.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL, RALEIGH, 12TH JAN., 1892.

H. A. Gudger, Grand Master, presiding. Who reports: "Throughout the entire length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction, the utmost harmony and kindest brotherly feeling exists. There are no perplexing jurisdictional questions disturbing the Order, and we hold friendly and fraternal relations with all Grand Bodies heretofore recognized by us." He recommends an amendment to Constitution which will permit an officer of a Subordinate Lodge to resign, as he thinks in many instances it would be beneficial to the Craft."

Returns show 265 Lodges, total membership, 10,513.
Report on Correspondence by Julius C. Martin. British
Columbia for 1891 is reviewed.

M. W. H. A. GUDGER,
Grand Master, Ashville.

R. W. DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary, Raleigh.

One Hundred and Sixth Annual, Raleigh, January 10,
1893.

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Nova Scotia.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, AMHERST, 8TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Chas. J. McDonald, Grand Master.
Forty-two Lodges were represented. Our Represent-
ative not present. Grand Lodge attended divine
service, after which they laid the corner stone of a new Acad-
emy building. The text of the eloquent sermon was "And he
set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God."

The Grand Master reports "In connection with the
condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction, I have to report
everything satisfactory. I have again to report that peace
and prosperity reigns within our borders."

Returns for the year ending 30th May, 1892, show a
net gain of 140 and total membership 2,984. Report on
Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Flint, M. P.
British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed, who says: "We are
gratified to observe the evidences of progress, strength and
prosperity among our Brethren of British Columbia."

M. W. DUNCAN C. FRASER,
Grand Master, New Glasgow.

R. W. WM. ROSS,
Grand Secretary, Halifax.

T. B. Flint, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual, Halifax, June, 1893.

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Oregon.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL, PORTLAND, 15TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. B. Van Dusen, Grand Master. Our Representative was present. The Grand Master says: "I rejoice to say that as a rule, peace and prosperity reign within our borders, and the most fraternal relations exist between this Grand Lodge and those of other jurisdictions." Two members of Grand Lodge, F. J. Babcock, P.G. Secretary, and R. P. Earhart, P.G.M., had died. A number of decisions are reported but are mainly of local interest. G. M. Van Dusen devoted a great deal of time to the duties of his office and certainly did not leave anything undone to further the interests of the Craft in Oregon. P.G.M. S. F. Chadwick, (also Grand Secretary,) was presented with a valuable gold watch in consideration of his services, having been writer of Correspondence for twenty-five years.

Returns show 4,176 members. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. S. F. Chadwick. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891.

M. W. F. A. MOORE,
Grand Master, St. Helens.

M. W. S. F. CHADWICK,
Grand Secretary, Salem.

Also, Chairman on Foreign Correspondence.

Forty-third Annual, Portland, 14th June, 1893.

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Prince Edward Island.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, SUMMERSIDE, 24TH JUNE, 1892.

DONALD Darrach, M. W. Grand Master. Our Representative, W. Bro. Donald Ross, present. The Grand Master says: "Though we cannot show a large increase during the past year in our membership, the general condition of the Craft is good. Harmony and peace prevail, and there exists a friendly emulation of who can best work, and we trust, best agree, though the latter is more difficult of attainment. Accession of good material has been made to our ranks and a favorable truer, and more faithful public sentiment is being disseminated. Our relations with sister jurisdictions throughout the world are harmonious, and nothing serious has been suffered to disturb the universal peace that prevails." The Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid on 24th May, at Charlottetown, and the G. M. congratulates the City and Craft in the magnificent structure.

Returns show 12 Lodges with 502 members. No Report on Correspondence, but we note that a Committee has been appointed, and may look for a report this year.

M. W. SIMON W. CRABBE,

Grand Master, Charlottetown.

R. W. WILSON HIGGS,

Grand Secretary, Charlottetown.

Bro. G. W. Wakeford, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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New Mexico.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL, ALBUQUERQUE, OCTOBER, 1892.

RICHARD English, M. W. Grand Master. Returns show 18 Lodges with 731 members, a net gain of 24. Report on Correspondence is by Max Frost. British

Columbia for 1892 is reviewed and receives copious extract.

J. H. KUHN,.

Grand Master, Albuquerque.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN,

Grand Secretary, Albuquerque.

Max Frost, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Santa Fe.

Sixteenth Annual, Albuquerque, October, 1893.

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New Jersey.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL, TRENTON, 25TH JAN., 1893.

M. W. Thos. Tilden, Grand Master, whose photo adorns the opening of the volume. Our worthy representative, R. W. Henry S. Haines, was at his post (as usual). We note this Grand Lodge was opened with an Ode, a very good idea. The Grand Master reports: "It is with feelings of joy that we assemble around the time-honored altar of this Grand Lodge. Peace, harmony, prosperity has been our portion during the year." A glowing tribute is paid to the fraternal dead during the past year, of their own, as well as those of sister jurisdictions. The G. M. on "Foreign Jurisdiction," says: "Our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions have been most friendly during the year, and so far as I am informed, the Craft in general has been attended with the same measure of harmony and prosperity that has been meted out to us." Speaking of the condition of the Craft, says it is eminently satisfactory. Returns show total membership 14601, being net increase of 298. Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Vehslage. British Columbia, for 1892, receives favorable comment.

M. W. JAMES H. DURAND,

Grand Master, Rahway.

R. W. THOS. H. R. REDNAY,

Grand Secretary, Trenton.

Pennsylvania.

THE large and beautifully prepared volume before us opens with a view of the magnificent temple, also contains the portraits of P.G.Ms. John L. Goddard, (1867), and Alfred R. Potter, (1874-5).

Quarterly Communication, March 2nd, 1892. Bro. J. Simpson Africa, R. W. Grand Master. Our Representative not present.

Quarterly Communication, 1st June, 1892. At this session the attention of Grand Lodge was called to the death of P.G.M. R. W. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla; who died at Port Said, Egypt, 24th April, 1892, buried there with Masonic and Civic honors, and at the time of Grand Lodge meeting, the body was on the way to Philadelphia. R. W. P.G.M. Vaux, the oldest surviving P.G.M. of the jurisdiction, was called upon and delivered a Eulogy on the deceased, which must be read to be appreciated. Addresses were also made by several Past Grand Masters, all in terms of the highest praise. R. W. P.G.M. S. C. Perkins in his closing remarks said "His death should admonish us each and all to be true and faithful, and warmly and inflexibly loyal to the principles and interests of the Craft, to be jealous of its honor and exemplars of its precepts and of the teachings of its symbolism. Let us ever cherish and honor his memory and emulate his virtues." Our sympathies are extended to Philadelphia in her great loss.

Quarterly Communication, September 7th, 1892. Our Representative not reported present and has not been at any of the sessions. At this Communication the officers were elected. Bro. Michael Arnold, R. W. Grand Master. Trustees of Charity Fund report \$2,031.00 cash on hand and \$73,000 in securities.

Annual Communication 27th December, 1892, J. Simpson Africa, R. W. Grand Master. Seventy-four Lodges represented.

Returns show 401 Lodges—total membership 44,026, an increase during the year of 1611. The address of R. W. Bro. J. Simpson Africa, is a lengthy and able document, full of sound, practical advice to the jurisdiction, and nothing seems to have escaped his attention. I wish we could make copious extract, from it. He is also of opinion that the system of Grand Representatives should be abolished, as he considers the system “useless, cumbersome and promotive of unharmony.” The M. W. Grand Master of Iowa has authorized the declaration that he will not entertain any proposition for the removal of a Commission or appointment as a successor as Grand Representative “For the reason that, having well considered the subject (one of custom and not of law,) he has been forced to the conclusion that *the system* has in no single instance, so far as he can learn, been productive of any good. On the contrary, great and serious evils have resulted from it, leading in recent years to the strained, and in some cases an entire severance of the fraternal relations between sister Grand Lodges.” A number of official decisions are reported. In this jurisdiction Grand Masters have always given the ancient law as to “physical” qualifications strict construction. He also decides that “A Grand Lodge is not opened for the purpose of laying a Corner Stone of a public building. That duty is performed by the Grand Master, or by some competent Brother, to whom he issues a dispensation for that purpose.” This does not prevail in British Columbia. The Report on Correspondence is by P.G.M. Richard Vaux, who Bro. L. Wagner, in the course of his remarks at the close of this session extolling the virtues of this ‘Venerable Mason’ said; “During his many years of service (since 1875), as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, he has spread Masonic light and knowledge throughout the Masonic World, and has done more to bring about unity and harmony in the Masonic family both

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at home and abroad, than any mason who ever lived." British Columbia is reviewed for 1891-2. Bro. Vaux cordially unites in the decision we made as to regulation of proper Masonic clothing, and regards the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge in reference to Ashlar and Victoria-Columbia Lodges as "unwise." We thank you Bro. Vaux for your very kind remarks on my address, and hope you will be charitable with this my first attempt at "Correspondence."

M. W. MICHAEL ARNOLD,
Grand Master, Philadelphia.

R. W. MICHAEL NESBIT,
Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

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Rhode Island.

SEMI-ANNUAL, PROVIDENCE, 16TH NOVEMBER. 1891.

M. W. G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master, presiding. Two hundred and twenty-seven Lodges were represented. Recognition was declined New Zealand, for the present. The Grand Lodge of Tasmaina was accorded Fraternal recognition.

One hundred and second Annual, Providence, 16th May, 1892. Thirty-two Lodges represented. M. W. G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master, presiding. He reports : "The year just passed a prosperous one for the Craft in our State, and we have been famed throughout the whole jurisdiction by the continued presence of harmony and good fellowship." Fraternal tribute is paid the dead of their own, as well as those of sister jurisdictions. No decisions were made, worthy to be called to your attention. A beautiful eulogy was delivered by W. Bro. Joshua A. Adderman, on the late Nicholas Van Slyck, P.G.M., a most prominent Mason and citizen in Providence ; the language is touching and sublime.

Returns show 38 Lodges, with 4434 Masons. No report on Correspondence.

M. W. STILLMAN WHITE,
Grand Master, Providence.

R. W. EDWIN BAKER,
Grand Secretary, Providence.

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South Dakota.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL, SIOUX FALLS, 14TH JUNE, 1892.

GEO. A. Johnston, M. W. Grand Master—70 Lodges were represented. Our Representative, Thos. H. Brown, present. The Grand Master reports "The past year has been fraught with many blessings to our State, as well as the Craft, yet it has not been an eventful year in our Masonic history. We believe, however, prosperity and progress have visited most our Lodges. There has been a perceptible increase in Lodge membership as well as greater proficiency in Lodge work." "This Grand Lodge enjoys the most cordial and fraternal relations with all sister jurisdictions with whom we are in Correspondence." Death has dealt lightly with the fraternity of this jurisdiction during the past year.

Returns show 78 Lodges with 3,725 members. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Wm. Blatt. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed.

M. W. HARVEY J. RICE,
Grand Master, Huron.

R. W. CHARLES T. MCCOY,
Grand Secretary, Aberdeen.

Wm. Blatt, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Yankton.

Nineteenth Annual, Yankton, 13th June, 1893.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL, CHARLESTON,
13TH DEC., 1892.

M. W. Bro. Wm. T. Branch, Grand Master. Our representative was not present. The Grand Lodge meets unbroken by death. In his address, the G. M. says : "I cannot say, as did my predecessor (and I regret it), 'That Freemasonry in South Carolina is marching onward.' No, I do not believe that it is; in some few lodges it may be, but in the jurisdiction, I fear that it is at a stand-still, if not going backward, and I attribute it to several causes." I am happy to say, that as far as I know, and can judge from a perusal of the report of our R. W. Bro. Grand Secretary, on Foreign Correspondence, our relation with the various Grand Lodges throughout the world, are very satisfactory. Returns show 185 lodges, with 6082 Master Masons. Report on Correspondence is by Chas. Inglesby, Grand Secretary. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891-92. We extract the comment on the Constitutional question we submitted at our last Annual.

"The address discloses an interesting Constitutional question. The Constitution prescribes what shall be the Regalia and Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges—but it provides also, that Lodges already supplied in this respect, may continue the adoption and use of the same. The Constitution was subsequently changed so as to secure uniformity in clothing and jewels. One of the Lodges, whose regalia and jewels did not conform to the Constitution when the Grand Lodge was formed, having been notified that they must conform to the amendment, claimed that their right to continue the color of their regalia and the form of their jewels, was a constitutional vested right. The Grand Master referred the matter to Grand Lodge, expressing, however, the opinion that as the Constitution, as originally adopted, reserved to Grand Lodge the power of changing it, and it had been changed by Grand Lodge, such change was absolutely constitutional and binding on all the Lodges. We concur with the Grand Master, but Grand Lodge resolved

that the Lodge be allowed to retain its original privileges, so long as it should desire to do so."

M. W. STILES P. DENDY,
Grand Master, Walhalla.

R. W. CHAS. INGLESBY,
Grand Secretary, Charleston.

One hundred and seventeenth Annual, Charleston,
December, 1893.

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Tennessee.

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL, NASHVILLE, 25TH JANUARY, 1893.

M. W. M. D. Smallman, Grand Master. The proceedings open with the photos of "The Custodians of the Work," and P.G.M. M. D. Smallman. Our Representative not present. The G. M. says: "The Craft throughout this jurisdiction has enjoyed a year of peace and, I trust, a year of prosperity." His advice to Masters and Brethren during his visits is timely and must have done a vast amount of good. We should like to have made copious extracts from this admirable address. On fraternal relations he says: "So far as I am advised, our relations with the other Grand Lodges are most cordial and brotherly."

Returns show 419 Chartered Lodges--10 Under Dispensation, with a total membership of 17,554, net increase 225. The Constitution, edicts and Code as revised are printed and appear to be the most perfect we have had the opportunity of seeing, as nearly everything is included that should be in a Constitution and all so plain and easily comprehended.

Report on Correspondence is by Geo. C. Conner, whose reports are always of great merit and interest, and in the words expressed by G. M. Smallman, "Like everything from the versatile pen of the scholarly Chairman, Bro. G. C. Con-

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nor, it is chaste in language, lofty in sentiment and faultless in diction." British Columbia for 1892 is reviewed. Thanks Bro. Conner for your very flattering comment. The concluding papers of this report are so full of Masonic interest and instruction that we cannot refrain from having them reproduced for the benefit of the Craft in our own jurisdiction, and hope it will be read in the Lodges.

M. W. BUN. F. PRICE,
Grand Master, Memphis.

R. W. JOHN FIZZELL,
Grand Secretary, Nashville

Geo. C. Connor, Chattanooga, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Eightieth Annual, Nashville, 31st January, 1894.

CONCLUDING PAPERS.

The chairman of this Committee hereby acknowledges his obligations of gratitude for the numerous complimentary letters received from foreign Freemasons, having reference to his papers on European Masonry, and which appeared in the Report to this Grand Lodge of last year. In response to requests, he has forwarded handsomely bound copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings to the Grand Lodge Library of England, and to its Grand Master, and to a number of Masonic Libraries in the British Isles, Germany and Italy, as well as to distinguished Masons. He is also flattered by the very general publicity given those papers by the Masonic journals of the United States.

The year just closing has not been characterized by any special enthusiasm or excitement. The bug-a-boo, called "Cerneauism," has continued to annoy three of the Jurisdictions, but in a comparatively mild way. Ohio suffered from clandestine organizations, which were promptly denounced to the Craft at large by Grand Master. In spite of these contentions, prosperity has been general, and generous.

A barnacle, known as the "Eastern Star,"—or so-called "Woman Masonry,"—has obtained a strong following here and there, in the West chiefly. The peculiar contrivance has not afflicted the Craft in Tennessee; although two, or more, sporadic attempts were made to establish their Lodges. The efforts failed.

Though alluding in this vein to the "Eastern Star," there is no intention to criticise the association, only in the attempt to foist itself upon the Craft as a sort of branch, or auxilliary. It is a very unpopular

act to attack anything in which woman seeks to benefit her kind, and the other sex, but nevertheless, no toleration can be acceded to any organizations that seek to be accepted as in any way a part of Freemasonry. The Fraternity is unique! Other institutions may, or may not, be just as useful. We have no criticism of any society whose objects are good, but Freemasonry has no side-shows, no fifth-wheels, no auxiliaries, no women members, half members, or cousins. This is the plain statement of the case, and where the Fraternity admit any such relations, either by legislation, or by consorting therewith in Masonic Clothing, they are guilty of an offense against the body of Masonry. Solitary and alone we put this ball in motion, but it will gather as it rolls, and will accumulate in momentum and influence. All so-called Woman Masonry must go, so that Freemasonry may pursue the even tenor of its way by methods known to itself.

We are liable to be misunderstood in this position, but that is the lot of mortals who attack public prejudices, myths and idols.

THE RITUALS.

A majority of the Jurisdictions are earnestly urging uniformity of ceremonials in the conferring of the essentials of the Ritual in their Subordinates. This is most commendable as a theory, though liable to a great abuse of the spirit of Freemasonry, in practice. That the general forms should be the same in every Lodge of a Jurisdiction goes without saying, but that an iron-clad form of words, such as the printed Rituals of some churches, should be enforced, is not the sum of all wisdom. Indeed, such enforcement is impossible, save by printing the Ritual, and requiring the workers to read direct from the printed page.

Is such iron-clad enforcement desirable? It is not, in the opinion of this Committee. There are thousands of good brethren who believe—it is so much easier to believe than to know—that the present form of the Ritual is that in which it came to us from the fathers in the long ago. Such talk about the "Old Work," and denounce modern innovations. Such insist on uniformity of ceremonials, and complain of those who allow others to do what they insist on doing themselves, viz.: vary the ceremonials, in form and words, to suit the surroundings, and the capacity of the candidate. Now, the "Old Work" of these Brethren is the work they have in their own Lodges, or that which some old Brother taught them forty years ago, and which was denounced in those days by older Brethren as full of modern innovations, and departures from the old ways.

There is no "OLD WORK." We may just as well know the facts, and knowing them, act reasonably. The Operatives had no Ritual, and the Speculatives, which came into being during the closing days of the Operative societies, practically had none during a century. The three degrees did not exist as divisions of initiation, and the Entered Apprentice Lodge was the working body of the Craft. The invention of the Fellow Craft's Degree, and of the Master's Degree, as separate in-

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itations, are modern innovations, speaking from the early days of the eighteenth century. The ceremonials in vogue to-day are growths from the seeds sown by Preston, of England, and Webb, of the United States. I have personal knowledge of ten Rituals, which are the fruits of those plantings, and the variations are most astounding to those who dream of "Old Work," but the most natural of consequences to those who are students of such developments of humanity.

Freemasonry came to us from Great Britain, and the ceremonials of the Rituals of that country are utterly unlike those practiced in the United States. Continental Masonry is another variety, and more nearly accords with the Rituals of the Scottish Rite, in this country, yet materially differing from them. And not only do the ceremonials differ, but the Means of Recognition very materially differ in this country and in England. Why, then, should we make ourselves the object of ridicule by declaiming so persistently about the "Old Work!"

The American system of Work is unique from the Entered Apprentice to the Orders of Knighthood. It is the development of a century, and is, in the opinion of this Committee, superior to the systems of the British Isles, and of continental Europe. It is much more elaborate, especially in the Third Degree, than in England, and, barring voluminous addresses, is altogether more attractive. A self-opinionated Brother told us, in London, that English Masonry did not use robes in the Third Degree, and "please God we never shall." He does not know what England will do, inasmuch as England has modified her ceremonials a score of times, and the famous Lodge of Instruction, in London, has brought about the last, and somewhat radical, modifications.

An American Grand Master forbade the wearing of robes, and so reported in his Address of last year, but Grand Lodge, wisely left the wearing to the discretion of the Subordinates. Every thinking man knows that liberty of robing, and other paraphernalia, should be given, so that city Lodges may present the ceremonials in the most effective manner. And to require the Country Lodges to wear robes would be quintessence of folly. For the country Lodges to forbid the city Lodges from exercising such liberty would be oppressive, and unjust. And we may add right here, that for the majority demanding that the city minority must deliver the full Lectures of a degree, in open Lodge, at least once in a month, is a like injustice. To be sure most of the Lodges in the cities forget this requirement, and for the reason that said Lectures would have to be delivered to empty benches.

It is the plain duty of Grand Lodges to adopt Rituals for the use of their Subordinates, and instruct the Masters of the Subordinates in those Rituals. But it is not the duty of Lecturers to higggle over words or to "sit down" upon varieties of ceremonials, and dramatic effects. It is the duty of Lecturers to teach the exact Rituals as adopted, and to refrain from the too customary habit of forbidding the variation of differently dotting an "i" and of crossing a "t." The Means of Recog.

nition should, as they now are, be the same all over the Union; the Landmarks of each degree should be maintained undisturbed, but the ceremonials adopted for the conferring of these Means of Recognition should not be iron-clad, or oppressively meagre, or wearisomely diffuse. Because Lecturers so frequently interfere with this liberty of the Craft they are usually avoided by the Lodges, and when their expenses come out of Lodge treasuries the Lecturer is modestly allowed to toast his toes in the quietude of his own family.

This paper is in the direction of line upon line, and precept upon precept, the matter having been discussed somewhat carefully last year. It is for Tennessee Masons that we write, and single efforts are no more successful here than elsewhere. Hence this important discussion will not be abandoned even now.

DISMISSION FROM MEMBERSHIP.

Of the several questions that arose in the Reviews during the past year, Dimits, and the evils surrounding them, occupied the most space. It is worthy of remark that the majority of reviewers approached the discussion hampered by decisions of their Grand Lodges, or by the power of an all-prevailing opinion as to the "free will and accord" that should characterize withdrawal as it did succession. An opinion so deeply rooted in the Masonic thought is uprooted with difficulty, and not without danger to the peace and prosperity of the Craft.

This Committee has no difficulty in seeing the bright and shining way that leads to manumission from the prevailing heresy on the subject of dimits. We use the word in a technical sense, Masonically speaking. That way is dark to those who claim that Freemasonry being a law unto itself need not be influenced by analogies, but is bright to those who, profiting by human experience, admit the force of analogy in the government of the Craft.

A foreigner of his own free will and accord offers himself for the privileges and blessings of American citizenship. The prayer of his petition is granted, the oath of citizenship is taken, and the adopted citizen at once becomes bound unto the State, and perpetually subject to its requirements, civil and military.

A profane of his own free will and accord offers himself for the privileges and blessings of Freemasonry. The prayer of his petition is granted, the vows of Masonry are assumed, and the initiated Master Mason at once becomes bound unto the Fraternity, and perpetually subject to its requirements, and to its esoteric obligations.

Can the citizen arise when it pleases him, lay aside his sworn obligations when poll-tax is demanded, or his military service is necessary to the protection of the State, and still exercise the privileges, and enjoy the blessings of citizenship? There is but one answer. But suppose he pleads "I took upon myself voluntarily, of my own free will and accord, these obligations, therefore, should I be permitted to lay them aside at

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my pleasure." Verily, they would collect his tax, send him to the front, and look upon his plea with the supreme contempt it merited. Suppose the citizen of the Republic of Freemasonry rises up and pleads, "Of my own free will and accord I took upon myself the Masonic covenants; I am now weary of these obligations, and I demand that I be permitted to lay them aside at my own free will and accord." Will the analogy of the relations of the citizen to the State, and of the Mason to the Masonic Fraternity, hold good?

The failure to separate the Fraternity relations from the Lodge relations is what confuses this question. A man can be a citizen of the United States and not be a citizen of any State. He may demand the protection of the Government of the United States while he may not be able to claim citizenship in the State in which he resides. The same is true of a citizen of the Republic of Freemasonry: he may demand of the Craft the esoteric blessings of citizenship, while he may not be able to enter any Lodge and participate in its privileges.

Now, if the Government of the United States saw fit to tax its citizens, it could tax all of its citizens constitutionally liable, whether each citizen had a State citizenship or not. In like manner, if the governing bodies of Freemasonry see fit to tax Freemasons, it may lawfully do so, whether each Mason is a member of a Lodge or not. And this taxing is not "Taxation without representation," inasmuch as every citizen of the Republic of Freemasonry is bound unto every other citizen by his irrevocable vow. We did not covenant to help, aid and assist all affiliated Masons, but we did covenant to help, aid and assist all worthy Master Masons. Nor can Grand Lodge release from these obligations, save by expulsion. When a Master Mason is suspended or expelled, he is released from all his covenants except secrecy, and the Fraternity is released as to him. But the Fraternity is assuredly bound to the non-affiliate as it is to the affiliate, and *vice versa*.

When a Master Mason demits from a Lodge he releases that Lodge from all Lodge obligations to him, but he does not release its members from their individual Masonic obligations to him. That Lodge may not tax him, but Grand Lodge, which governs the entire Craft as individuals as well as Lodges, may tax him, just as the Government may tax the citizen. It is not an inherent right of a Lodge to exercise penal jurisdiction over non-affiliates, or citizens at large, but Grand Lodge is able to give the Lodges such power, and it should be exercised in the name of Grand Lodge. I concede that the analogy compels us to admit the power of the Lodge to try the non-affiliate, just as a State of this Union may try an offender against the laws of the State; but a State may not try an offender against the laws of the United States, if the offence is not also a violation of State law. The Grand Lodges use their Subordinates as courts of trial of all offenders against the general laws of the Fraternity, as well as against the local regulations of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the offence is committed.

Hence, a Master Mason may, of his own free will and accord, withdraw from Lodge membership, after having discharged his special obligations thereto, and remain non-affiliated; but he still remains under the jurisdiction of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, and of the Grand Lodge also. The Lodge may not tax him because the Lodge vouchsafes him no privileges or blessings, but the Grand Lodge, which represents the Craft at large, may tax him to carry on the charities or other beneficent labors of the Craft. To declare non-affiliates in bad standing simply because they are non-affiliates is to grossly violate the beneficent spirit of the Masonic Fraternity. Several Grand Lodges have enacted such edicts, but they have acted under violent impulses, and will some day repeal all such unmasonic legislation.

SUPERSTITION IN FREEMASONRY.

Does it ever occur to the Brethren that there is a natural tendency to act superstitiously in regard to Freemasonry? We use superstition in its primitive meaning, viz: *super*, over, and *sto*, to stand; meaning to stand over it, gazing confidingly in any myths that may be attached by no matter whom.

One reviewer asks this Committee why one may not believe in the Temple origin of Freemasonry and why may not Freemasonry so teach? The simple answer is, Because it is a falsehood. The reviewer may believe in such a myth, and no doubt he can, not being a student of history, but he is guilty of a crime if he teaches to others a lie as the truth, knowingly. And if he reads, he must know it is a falsehood, and if he does not read, after being warned, then he adds ignorance to the sin of false teaching.

That a supreme longing for liberty, and the exercise of reason, led to the origin of Speculative Masonry is as clear to the mind of this Committee as is the fact that there is a Supreme Cause. That Operative Masonry had nothing to do with such origin of Speculative Freemasonry is equally clear to us. That the secret societies of Operatives began to admit many who knew nothing of architecture, practically, is cheerfully conceded, since the truth of history demands it; but that even those gentlemen so admitted began the organization of Speculative Masonry we are forced to deny. When the Operative Guilds began to decay the Speculatives began to live. The members of the societies who were not operatives generally clung to the natural love of secret organizations, and may have given aid and comfort to the select coteries who yearned for liberty, but who dared not express their thoughts lest the very air might have ears and some devilish encampment might give it voice.

Certain it is that the liberty-loving coteries accepted the symbols of the decaying Mason Guilds, because these societies were not under the ban of Rome, and were honorable in the sight of all men. It is doubtful if the earliest Speculatives attached anything like the number of readings which modern Masonry gives to the symbols. Indeed, they were more profoundly influenced by the Mysteries of the ancients than by

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those of the Jews or Christians. It is probable that they adopted the working tools as symbols to conceal their real motives, at first, and that the exclusive use of the tools, as symbols, is the result of circumstances long after occurring.

The Old Regulations, the summary of which was compiled by Anderson and Desaguliers, and the special regulations which those early compilers dubbed Landmarks, treated largely of what was required of Operative Masons, especially as to physical perfection. It was most natural that in the choosing of men to become artisans of a high character, where skill of mind and of limb were absolutely necessary, the chiefs of the Guild should demand all that was reasonably possible in such men. Their limbs were necessary to perform the duties of architects and of builders, their fingers to use the tools of their craft deftly. It never entered into the minds of those chiefs, in our opinion, to demand the physical qualifications that the Operatives required; and it certainly never was suggested that physical perfection was necessary to receiving or imparting the Means of Recognition. But now-a-days, in this American Republic, one must be sound of wind and limb, have the full complement of fingers and toes, have his bowels properly enwalled, and his joints limber and properly lubricated, before he can be admitted to the privileges and blessings of the Fraternity. It is cheerfully conceded that the loss of limbs, fingers, toes, or the stiffening of joints do not deprive a Mason of the rights and benefits he has acquired, or that the loss of these prevent him from making himself known as a Mason, by the very earnest Brethren who steadfastly cling to the Operative idea of a perfect youth. What can be more inconsistent?

It is remarkable how thoroughly the great religion of the West—Christianity—has lost sight of the Mysteries that were the warp and woof of that religion in its origin. Judaism and its reformation, Christianity, was as full of mysteries and secrets, so far as the world was concerned, as is Freemasonry to the profanes to-day. The Judaistic Ritual demanded certain perfections in those who were to be admitted to the "congregations of the Lord," but no such requirements appear in any of the Christian books, so far as we know. The Reformation stood upon a higher plane than did the religion before Reformation. Just so of Speculative Freemasonry; it stands upon a higher plane than did the ancient Mysteries, or the Operative Guilds. The religion of the Son of the Carpenter of Nazareth saves souls whether their encasements are perfect or debased. So Speculative Freemasonry gives (or rather should give), in our humble opinion, the blessings of its organizations, and teaches its beautiful system of morality to all good and true men, even though they can not present the qualifications of the "perfect youth."

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee does not take this advanced ground, but its decisions show that it is far in advance of the majority of the Jurisdictions, and by the blessing of God, it will steadily advance, until it is able to enjoy the full blaze of Speculative illumination. While the law is on our statute books we will loyally obey, and will stand to and

abide by the edicts, but we will live in hope, and labor with undimmed expectation. If we are wrong, Grand Lodge will set us right, and if we are right, Grand Lodge will go with us as soon as convinced. This is our reward in all of our toils.

PREROGATIVES AND OTHER MYTHS.

The Reviews from the pens of the elder Correspondents seem to indicate that, in their dioceses at least, the much-mooted question of the Prerogatives of Grand Masters is practically settled. And yet one section still holds that Grand Masters existing before Grand Lodges were instituted inherit prerogatives above the control of Grand Lodges; the other section vigorously insists that in this Western Republic, where Grand Lodges have written Constitutions, and where the Grand Master is the creation of these Grand Lodges, that Grand Masters have no powers but such as are conferred upon them by the Constitutions and Statutes of the Grand Lodges. With the latter opinion this Committee agrees.

The power of the Grand Master to make a Mason at sight, is not denied, as a courtesy, provided the candidate is elected by a duly warranted Lodge of Master Masons. But it is earnestly denied that he has the power to make a Mason, except under such conditions. The peculiar civil views of the people of the British Isles accept such claim as in the general spirit of the original monarchical practices of the Ancient Operative Craft, but the tendencies of American opinion are in the opposite direction. There Grand Master holds office *ad vitam*; here, by annual election. Whatever may have been the original method, even on June 24, 1717, the peculiar institutions of a Republic provide a different education.

There is not the shade of the shadow of the ghost of a reason why Grand Masters should assume to exercise such prerogatives in this American Union. We have written Constitutions and fixed laws in each Jurisdiction, and the Brother chosen to rule over the Craft must be governed by the law of his Jurisdiction. There can be no man above law in free America, whether he be President, Prelate or Grand Master. No matter the old rule beyond seas, the modern rule, born of a higher civilization, must prevail among American Masons. As well might one claim for prince or priest the right to use the rack, faggot and hot pincers at pleasure, just because that was the old method of saving souls. These priests and princes must submit to the teaching of an advanced civilization, or be swallowed up in public indignation.

The writer is a strict constructionist, and insists that Grand Masters shall not be crippled in the government of the Craft. They should be invested with power to rule in the intervals between Communications of Grand Lodge, having power to suspend from office, stay penal proceedings, and arrest Charters. To be sure such executive acts terminate with the next Communication of Grand Lodge, but while the Grand Lodge is not in session the Grand Master should be the Grand

Lodge, except as to legislation. He should be able to declare a By-law of a Subordinate unconstitutional, and the acts of Subordinates unmasonic, subject to review by Grand Lodge. But all these powers are given by Grand Lodge, and none are inherited by Apostolic Succession !

INHERENT RIGHTS OF LODGES.

Quite an animated discussion has been conducted on the propriety of saying "Constituent Lodges," or "Subordinate Lodges," and this discussion involves the cognate question, "Have Lodges any inherent rights?"

Webster defines "Constituent," that which establishes, determines or constructs. Grand Lodges are established, determined and constructed by Lodges; hence, Lodges are "Constituents" of Grand Lodges.

Webster defines "Subordinate," inferior in order, in nature, in dignity, in power, importance, or the like. Lodges which constitute Grand Lodges are inferior in order, in rank, in dignity, in power and importance to the Grand Lodges they have established and constructed; hence, Lodges are Subordinates of Grand Lodges.

All this being true, the Committee is unable to see much propriety in attempting to make a distinction where no distinction exists. And yet the insignificant matter is discussed with much zeal, and an abundance of phraseology, even if argument is missing.

The important enquiry is, "Have Lodges any inherent rights of which they can not be lawfully deprived by Grand Lodge?" Webster defines "Inherent," inheriting, existing in something, so as to be inseparable from it. Have Lodges any such inheritance which they hold above the authority of Grand Lodge?

Lodges existed before Grand Lodges, since Lodges only can establish a Grand Lodge. Lodges so existing had rights which they inherited from their predecessors and constructors. Did they surrender all of those rights when they aggregated in the construction of the first Grand Lodge? It is beyond controversy that they did not. It is equally beyond controversy that they did surrender some of their rights, just as a part of natural freedom is surrendered in the construction of society. Just how many of these rights the Lodges surrendered may not be established beyond a doubt, though it is plain to this Committee that the following rights were not surrendered then:

1. To choose their own Masters and other Lodge officers.
2. To choose their own membership, either by affiliation or by making Masons of those they have decided by unanimous ballot to admit.
3. To discipline their own members.
4. To fix their Communications.
5. To fix the amount of dues required of members, and to collect the same, as well as to expend their funds for Masonic purposes.

6. To be represented, on an equality with all other Lodges, in all Communications of the Grand Lodge, and to instruct their Representatives in Grand Lodge for their government.

If we have stated the facts, then it follows that no subsequent Grand Lodge could assume the authority to deprive the Lodges of these reserved rights, and that all Lodges subsequently organized inherited the rights these original Lodges reserved when consenting to the organization of Grand Lodge. No Lodge or number of Lodges could aggregate and lawfully surrender to Grand Lodge these reserved and inherited rights, because such organization would be an innovation in the body of Masonry. The Lodges in the territory unwilling to make such surrender could not be lawfully forced into such an organization, and the attempt at existence of such an anomaly would be a violation of the American idea of Grand Lodge organization and authority.

What rights did the Lodges surrender when they participated in the organization of Grand Lodge? Among others, these prominent:

1. The exclusive right to make their own By-laws. Grand Lodge may revise, or make entire, such laws for its Subordinates. Hence, before effective, By-laws must be approved by Grand Lodge.

2. To entirely control their property and funds. Originally Lodges could dispose of their funds as seemed best to themselves, but the aggregation in Grand Lodge and the expenses arising therefrom, which must be met by the constituents, demanded that Grand Lodge should have the right to control the actions of the Lodges in this respect.

By Grand Lodge aggregation the following Constitutional rights were conferred upon the Lodges:

1. To appeal to the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, from the decisions of their Masters.

2. To discipline Masons not members, but sojourning or residing in the jurisdiction assigned them.

Whether the right to transact all proper business was reserved or not can not be certainly affirmed, but this Committee thinks it was. It is nearly certain that the right to change the place of meeting was surrendered, since Lodge comity demands a recognition of jurisdiction.

In the formation of Grand Lodges, in this American Union at least, the Rights mentioned above as inherited must be acknowledged, and no action of Grand Lodge can rob the Lodges of their inheritance. There is a growing tendency in certain directions to ignore all rights possessed by Lodges, except such as are given them by Grand Lodge, and that tendency must be curbed, or the Ancient Institution will be entirely revolutionized. Unnecessary interference with the Subordinates produces irritation, but the depriving them of their inherited rights, will assuredly end in disaster, decay and death.

ORGANIZED FREEMASONRY.

The following from the talented and accurate pen of Past Grand Master, J. H. Drummond, of Maine, we print in this Report with a sincere desire, and request, that it be read by every intelligent Tennessee Mason :

"The English Grand Lodge (organized in 1717) kept on in the even tenor of its way for some thirty-five years. Some time before 1752 some Masons and Lodges seceded from the Grand Lodge and organized first as a 'Grand Committee' and subsequently as a Grand Lodge. The first record is of a meeting of the 'Grand Committee,' February 5th, 1892, when Lawrence Dermott was elected Grand Secretary, and 'the President and late Grand Secretary' delivered the books, etc., into his hands. The Grand Lodge was organized by the choice of Grand Officers, December 5, 1753.

"Dermott was connected with this Grand Lodge, either as Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Master, nearly all the time for almost *forty* years ; he was 'the life and soul' of it ; in fact, it may be truly said, *he* was the Grand Lodge. A man of wonderful executive ability, zealous, energetic, untiring, uncompromising and not over-scrupulous, he impressed upon his Grand Lodge very many of his own personal characteristics. He gave his own organization the title of 'Ancient,' and such was the persistence of himself and his adherents that they succeeded in being known by that title, and fixing upon the older and regular body the title of 'Moderns,' so effectually that some of them applied that title to themselves.

"Dermott's Grand Lodge was aggressive, self-sufficient and uncompromising. It did not recognize the other body as Masonic, or the members of its obedience as regular Masons, and of course did not allow them to visit its Lodges. Of course it adopted usages, Work and laws different from those of its rival. From this Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sprung, at a time, too, when Dermott was at the height of his power and his uncompromising bitterness toward the 'Moderns,' as he styled them.

"The other Grand Lodges in this country sprung (so far as they originated from Great Britain) from the old Grand Lodge, or the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland (both of the latter recognizing both of the English Grand Lodges), or by a union of Lodges holding upon two or more of the Grand Lodges named, or American Provincial Grand Lodges.

There had previously existed in Philadelphia, a Lodge, which the evidence shows was a voluntary Lodge, without a Charter, which went out of existence about 1740. Also in 1749 a Provincial Grand Lodge under Massachusetts was formed, by Masons who had been members of the old Lodge ; but this was superseded in 1750 by a Provincial Grand Lodge, holding under the *old* Grand Lodge of England.

"The 'Ancients' organized a Lodge in Philadelphia, in 1758, and a Provincial Grand Lodge in 1764, which dissolved in 1786, and on September 26, 1786, the Lodges of its late obedience formed the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This last Provincial Grand Lodge corresponded frequently with Dermott, and implicitly followed his directions. The consequence was that it was active, aggressive, energetic and bitter toward the other organization. It refused to recognize the members of the older body, declaring them to be irregular and clandestine; they could not be admitted to its Lodges only as profanes were admitted. Its affairs were conducted with great ability, and the result was that it drove the other Provincial Grand Lodge to the wall, so that it and all its Lodges went out of existence; no such Lodge was ever received under the obedience of the 'Ancients,' and no such Mason, as far as any record has been found, ever became a member of an 'Ancient Lodge' without being initiated *precisely as if he had never been a Mason.*

"The victory of the 'Ancients' was complete by the utter annihilation of their rivals. It is manifest, therefore, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dates from 1764, and its earliest Lodge from 1758. It is the only one in the country formed exclusively by Lodges hailing under the so-called Ancient Grand Lodge. It adhered with wonderful tenacity to the usages, laws, Work and precepts of Dermott, *except in one very important particular*; it has recognized the Grand Lodges of the other organization as regular and entered upon Masonic relations with them.

"In England the two Grand Lodges united in 1813. There were at first two Grand Lodges in South Carolina, but they united in 1808. The union, however, was not permanent. Some of the 'Ancients,' holding that the 'Moderns' were not Masons, repudiated the union and recognized the Grand Lodge, and a complete union was not formed till 1814. In the other Jurisdictions, the distinction between 'Ancient' and 'Moderns' was either never known or obliterated earlier, so there was no discrimination between Masons.

"In Pennsylvania the distinction was adhered to till December 27, 1785, when it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Modern Lodges, expressive of a desire for a general union, but no action had been taken as late as 1790. After that date, however, the word 'Ancient' as a term of distinction among Masons, is not again found in the record.

"When this practical abolition of this distinction was made, the other Grand Lodges, or many of them, had laws, usages, etc., derived from the old Grand Lodge, differing from those of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but many of them existing from a time anterior to Dermott's day, and thus antedating, not only the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but also of the Grand Lodge from which it sprung.

"When the other Grand Lodges recognized the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, they assumed that her laws, usages, Work and polity, were not in conflict with the fundamental laws of the institution; and

when she recognized them, she assumed and admitted that their laws, etc., were in consonance with those fundamental laws."

BETTER WORKERS AND WORK.

In a majority of the Reviews, as well as Grand Masters' Addresses, there is a zealous demand for the granting of the necessary assistance to the Lodges, to enable them to confer the ceremonials of the three degrees, with more intelligence, accuracy and influence. Grand Lodges all over the Union have not responded to these appeals from their Grand Masters and Committees of Correspondence, with that zeal of arrangements and generosity of expenditure that make the outlook at all hopeful. It does continue to be a very hard task to open the purse-strings of the Fraternity in all its organizations.

In the various Jurisdictions fully twenty per centum of the Lodges practice ceremonies totally unknown to the adopted Rituals. Their Masters tell the astonished visitor that theirs is the "Old Work," without any of the new-fangled adornments of the city folks. They refer to some old Brother who brought the true doctrines and practices into their settlement a quarter of a century before, and then you might as well undertake the removal of the Rockies into the Pacific as to extract the notions thus communicated from the practices and Work of these good Brethren.

Fifty years ago the Rituals were wonderfully wordful, but in the last decade important improvements have been accomplished. Preston was a wordful Brother, and our own Webb was even more so. There was in both a desire to say "pretty things," and to indulge "fine writing." Others followed who tried to out-Herod Herod, and they were not altogether unsuccessful. The Monitorial teachings are referred to in proof of these tendencies in partially educated Ritual builders.

The Rituals of the three degrees, in their true intent, are simple both in language and ceremonials. Save in the dramatic section there is not a ceremonial beyond the capacity of a plainly educated Brother. To be sure some who are really good workers will violate the rules of construction in the use of language, but that is the smallest blemish. The great lack is a knowledge of the language necessary to communicate the esoterics. To such Subordinates the Grand Lodges ought to send intelligent instructors—men who can give a "why" for every thought they impart. It is the glory of our Rituals that every step can be taken in the full blaze of intelligent explanation. A Master should never be caught mumbling: "I don't know, but that is the way I got it twenty years ago, and that is sufficient reason for me."

The exemplification of the Rituals in our Grand Lodges never reach the eyes of those sturdy advocates of absurdities, which they persist in the "Old Work." They do not come to Grand Lodge, and they will not tolerate the young Brethren who did come in their attempts to teach their Lodges as they were taught in Grand Lodge. Instead, they tell

what they know, and insist that their age and long experience make their ideas infallible.

What can be done, then, to deliver the Lodges from the bad effects of such serious impediments? Either send instructors to the Lodges, or wait until the stumbling blocks are taken up higher. We have looked the field carefully over, and see hope nowhere else.

In spite of any fear of complaint as to the large space occupied by the following extracts from M. W. Bro. Connor's report on correspondence, we venture to make them. Bro. Connor visited Europe during the year 1892, and many masonic bodies while there. His account is so unique as to merit the careful perusal of all who desire to be informed upon the subject of which he treats. He says:

"Masonry in Ireland.—I had but limited opportunity to study the workings of the craft on the famous Green Isle of the ocean.

"By the merest accident I chanced to be in the small interior town of Roscrea, on June 24th, St. John's Day. I reached there at night, and while sipping my coffee was told by the pretty girl who attended us that a lodge of Freemasons was in session in the room above. I sent up my card, and the next moment I sat at the festal board of my brethren, feeling quite as comfortable and welcome as if in the chair of one of the lodges of my own city of the West. I was surrounded by true brethren and courteous gentlemen.

"Not only in my examination without, but in my intercourse within, especially with the Rev. Cannon Gillespie, the rector of Castletown, I discovered that in the main Irish freemasonry is more nearly akin to the freemasonry of this jurisdiction than in the Scotch or the English. Of this I will speak more in detail when we both sit within tiled doors.

"These brethren sat at the dinner table in full masonic clothing. The officers wore handsome silk collars, with jewels, and beautifully decorated lambskin aprons. The members wore like aprons. It is worth recording that in the lodges of the British Isles every member and officer own their apron and jewels, and carry the same with them to and from the communications. As none visit these lodges, except on invitation, the keeping of a supply of aprons in the preparation room is as unnecessary here as it is necessary in America.

"I mentioned to a brother that my impression had been that Freemasonry in Ireland was handicapped by what is called 'aristocracy.'

"'Oh, dear no,' he replied with a smile, 'not in Ireland. You will see something of that in England, perhaps a good deal, but not in Ireland or Scotland. True, we may not have the American idea of 'meeting upon the level' to its fulness, but nearly so, Bro. Connor.

"Mother Kinwinning Lodge.—It was in this lodge, a few miles north of his home, that Burns was made a mason, and over it he presided as a much beloved worshipful Master.

"How different that room appeared in comparison with one of ours. The Master sits in the middle of a long dining table that extends north and south. The dignitaries are on either side of them. Two equally plain and long dining tables extend, parallel to each other, from this head table to the west. At the farther end of this right-hand table sits the senior warden, and at the farther end of the left-hand table sits the junior warden. Seated at these tables are all the members.

"This is the arrangement during the 'work,' and it is undisturbed during the dinner that always follows the work.

"The 'Mysteries of Freemasonry' came to Kinwinning with the builders of its beautiful monastery in 1157. They have remained there ever since. On the minute book of Mother Lodge, 1642, I saw the 'Marks' of these builders, and I saw the same marks upon the stones of the ruins of Kinwinning abbey.

"The first who set up the mysteries in Scotland, were undoubtedly the Italian builders who came to Kinwinning. The society that came here was organized under a Bull of Pope Leo X. Whether these were forced to divulge the secrets of their 'Means of Recognition' and of the art of building, at the confessional, or not, I am unable to say. But they used as symbols the square and the level, and no doubt used the same sacred words as were afterwards adopted by the speculatives.

"In the esoteric ceremonials, Scotland and Ireland are closely allied, and both are widely different in the manner of organization from England. Three-quarters of a century ago all three were more nearly alike, but England undertook modifications of ceremonials, and these modifications have been rendered more distinct by the organization of the Standard Lodge of Instruction in London, known as 'Emulation Lodge.'

"But our American ceremonials are much more elaborate than the Scotch in all three degrees, and especially in the third. Let none suppose that this means that our ceremonials are altogether superior. In some respects they are, in others they are not; but the American Freemason finds no difficulty in visiting a Scotch Lodge, after he has been invited. Technically all Masons are of right entitled to visit any lodge in the jurisdiction, but the customs forbid anyone attempting to visit unless he is invited by card from the Secretary, issued on the request of a member. Then he must bring his own apron, and his collar, if he is a past master. The form of examination is like our own, and the 'Tyler's Test' is not always used."

"*Masonry in England.*—My first acquaintance with English Masonry was in the ancient city of York, that city whence, it is said, came our American Freemasonry, and so said without either rhyme or reason.

"The Lodge opened. I was received with the 'honors.' Nothing like their 'by nine' in our observances. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred, and as I shall explain when on the dais of Grand Lodge at home. The ceremonial was short and rapidly disposed of.

The three principal officers sat as with us, but the Secretary occupied an immense desk in the north, and directly opposite the junior warden. The tapers were on the right of the three principal officers. There was no altar in the centre, but the Great Lights were displayed upon the 'pedestal' in front of the W. Master.

"The work concluded, there was an immediate adjournment to the hall of refection, which was splendidly equipped for the elaborate dinner that followed. The new E. A. occupied the seat of honor, and the brethren further honored him by numerous toasts during the evening. The dinner is the *social* feature, I discover, of masonic meetings in all parts of the British Isles.

"American Freemasons have complained of the difficulty of visiting a London lodge. In fact it is almost impossible to do so without the assistance of a brother. Be certain to secure a letter of introduction to a Mason in London before you leave home, and then the way is clear and a visit is easier made than in American cities. The visitor should carry his own apron, bound with blue silk, and all the jewels he is entitled to. Jewels are more highly prized in England than in the States. I most earnestly advise all our Past Masters who visit London to secure admission to the Lodge of Instruction, known as 'Emulation.' And do not deprive yourself of the joy of visiting the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191.

"*Masonry in Germany.*—Bro. Furst escorted me to their pretty temple, where I became acquainted with the plan of the lodge-room and with the varieties of the work. These I will explain in Grand Lodge.

"This lodge is fully equipped to work efficiently both in the ceremonies and in the sociabilities of Freemasonry. The hall is small but beautifully decorated; the banquet hall is large and supplied with every comfort, and the smoking room is ready for lighter refectations. There is also a library well supplied with books and periodicals.

"I had seen the entered apprentice degree conferred in the Anglo-American Lodge, and I was very desirous of seeing the third.

"The third degree is even less like ours than the first. The ceremonies are briefer, but the means of recognition are more elaborate. They include ours and have several entirely unknown to the American system. The work was remarkably well done.

"A former misconception was corrected by this Lodge session. I had formed the opinion that a Lodge never met without dining, but I now understand that only at the stated communications is dinner served and evening dress required. I am assured still further that many Lodges whose members are not of the opulent class rarely dine more than twice a year.

"*Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.*—This Lodge devotes all of its energies to the study of the history and symbolism of the ancient craft.

It confers no Masonic degrees, and makes members of those only who are already members of Masonic Lodges; dual membership being permitted.

"At the communications of this Lodge, papers are read and discussions follow. The sincere desire of the learned membership is to thresh out the truth from among the straw and chaff of Masonic romancing. And it may be put down as surprising that success has crowned their labors, inasmuch as so very few care a groat for serious enquiries into the mysteries of the Craft.

"Freemasonry will not prosper on proper lines in Italy, and in some other continental countries, until political and religious discussions are imperatively excluded. To be sure, such are now forbidden, but those in authority wink at disobedience. In Italy this fault is quite prominent, I am assured.

"There is no doubt that a knowledge of the strong feeling entertained by Freemasons against the practices of the papal hierarchy induced Leo XIII to fulminate his bull against the fraternity, but the hatred of the Church of Rome for all societies that maintain secrets which may not be divulged at the confessional, is fifteen centuries old. The canons forbid such associations, and in the hour of death the terrors of the church usually extort a recantation.

"The abuse of Lodge rooms in Italy consists in the discussions therein of the differences in the methods of factions to secure to Italy civil and religious liberty, in its broadest sense. Of course, there are no adherents of the papacy in Masonic Lodges now, though there have been in the past numerous spies who were absolved from their vows as compensation for their treason and perjury. But the friends of united Italy are not agreed among themselves, hence the discussions. And, as before said, though the Masonic law forbids, the Lodge officers tolerate these improper debates.

"The great Masonic doctrine of "equality" is rapidly gaining eloquent and influential advocates in sunny Italy. Masonry cannot consent to the enslaving of reason or to the shackling of free thought, but it is not revolutionary, as Rome affirms. It seeks to accomplish the best interests of mankind by lawful and intellectual methods only. Only a free people can truly understand and appreciate Freemasonry.

"*Italian Fraternities*—I am thoroughly convinced that the great temples of Italy were erected by secret societies of builders, societies that included both operatives, architects and superintendents. The priests held membership in these, if they were either architects, artists, or superintendents. And while I have no direct proof to adduce, I am nevertheless well satisfied that the secrets of the societies were not demanded at the confessional.

"When Masonry took on the speculative features it gradually separated itself from the operative, and assumed aristocratic tendencies.

The engrafting thereon, or rather the attempt to engraft, of the oriental mysteries led to an absolute separation. The operative guilds declined and failed, and the speculative, which retained the symbols, prospered. The secrets were multiplied and the priests excluded, and then the Church of Rome began to denounce the societies.

"We trace the 'marks' of the ancient operative craft on the temples and palaces of the islands of Great Britain and of the continent, but speculative Freemasonry has little now that was known to or practised by those ancient guilds. Our ceremonials were unknown to them, and their 'making' required physical perfection, for the 'making' was all there was to the ancient introductions into the fraternity. Hence through ignorance of ancient necessities, we now cling to the unnecessary physical perfection dogma.

"In England, hotels usually build lodge rooms in their upper stories; several lodges assemble therein without the payment of rental. The hotels are compensated by the brethren dining after the conclusion of business. And this dining, in full evening dress and in Masonic clothing and jewels, may be set down as the universal custom of English Freemasonry.

"In Germany, the hotel custom does not prevail to any great extent, and lodges either own or lease their rooms. Dinner or luncheon is always served, as in England, and chiefly in halls attached to the lodge rooms.

"In Italy, the hotel custom does not prevail at all, chiefly because of the papal opposition! Lodge rooms are leased, as a rule, and dining without Masonic clothing occurs at the restaurants.

"Intelligent American Masons find no difficulty in making themselves known in Europe. But no attempt should be made to visit a lodge without first receiving an invitation to do so from the Secretary. The American way of going to the reception room and sending in your card to be answered by an examination committee is unknown in Europe. Several Americans known to the writer failed to observe this formality, and hence failed to visit the lodges in whose reception rooms they entered.

"English and continental Masons own their own aprons and carry the same along with them when visiting. No aprons are supplied by the lodges, except to its officers.

"The lodges elect their Masters, Treasurers and Tylers. The remaining officers are appointed by the Worshipful Master elect. The American law, as to the powers of Wardens, does not prevail in Europe. The retiring Past Master installs his successor, and then presents the remaining officers for investment by the master. The installation ceremony is secret, and it is vastly superior to the ceremony we use in America. The Tyler always proposes the last toast at a Masonic dinner.

"It will always be a matter of speculation, and perhaps a matter of controversy, as to whether the speculative Freemasonry came out of the operative Masonry of the era when speculative Freemasonry began to organize itself into lodges. In the mind of the writer there is no longer doubts on that point; he is convinced that it did not. Nor do such important illustrations as that given herewith add any strength to the operative argument although it is of great interest to the craft of to-day.

"Speculative Freemasonry evidently took the lodges and the tools of the operatives, and chiefly, at first, for purposes of concealment from vulgar inquiry. No doubt the idea of a speculative feature originated with the Masters of the operatives, and a few of the Priests aided the conception. The primary motive was opposition to civil and religious oppression, and societies so organized had to be exceedingly discreet. It was in the highest degree prudent to assume the name and manners of the popular guild known as Masons.

"To be sure Fendel is earnest in his claim that 'the present associations of Freemasons is derived from the building corporations of the middle ages,' but all are not agreed on such claim. Very likely we have no documents that clearly prove the contrary, and for the best of reasons, viz.: Freemasons, that is speculative Freemasons, were not in the beginning making written proofs of their controlling motives.

"To those mere rhetoricians who talk of the temple origin as literal, and who write with owlsh wisdom about the two kings hob-nobbing, holding lodges, etc., in Jerusalem during the erection of the temple, this Missal is of no value whatever. And why? Because such are mere romancers, and prefer to keep themselves and their companions in superstitious ignorance of the origin and real meaning of the fraternity known as Freemasons.

"The principles on which our fraternity has laid hold began in God and end in God. They are ancient; they are eternal. There is no glamor of the garden of the temple surrounding our origin as a fraternity, but before the heavens were made, or the hills clapped their hands in the joy of adoration; before Adam fell or Shiloh came, Masonic truths were. This is our glorying, and God forbid we should glory in a mere myth as to the beginning of our days as a fraternity.

"The formulators of the rituals laid hold on the temple events as the most attractive to religious minds, and upon the temple itself as the first house erected for the exclusive worship of the one God, known to the Jews as Jehovah. To the events they added legends and myths, but all for noble purposes, to better develop the better hopes and ambitions of the race. How far the early fathers were right let the secret history, as well as the public charities, of the fraternity demonstrate.

"In the opinion of your committee their work would be imperfect if it ended with the mere review of the transactions of the various jurisdictions of the world. This is of great interest to the craft in so far as it

brings them valuable information, and of interest in a minor degree if it affords them hours of pleasant reading. It has been the aim of your committee to contribute to both ends.

"The Entered Apprentice Degree.—In this inquiry into what the degree is intended to teach we shall not entrench upon the esoteric work, the long guarded secrets of the craft will still remain locked in faithful bosoms. There will be some things clear as a sunbeam to the sons of light, but dark as Erebus to the uninitiated. May the Supreme aid us in creating a more earnest desire to know the truth, and appreciate the true meanings of the symbolism of this the first degree of Freemasonry.

"Meaning of the Degree.—We do not accept the definition of Bro. Sickles (Monitor, p. 51), that the 'entered apprentice degree is intended, symbolically, to represent the entrance of a man into the world, in which he is afterwards to become a living and thinking actor.' Our opinion is that the entered apprentice degree is intended to represent a living, thinking actor being Masonically born again. The actor is in the darkness and ignorance of profane life, and the degree represents the beginning of the opening of his spiritual eyes and ears to the sights and sounds peculiar to the mysteries of Freemasonry. He is in the womb of darkness, passions and appetites, and is to be delivered therefrom and be brought into the glorious sunlight of morals and reason.

"The Preparation.—The neophyte approaches the portals of Masonry laden with the passions, appetites and ignorance of an unregenerate man. He represents a man in a semi-barbaric state also, for his reason and moral sense are in subjection to his appetites and passions. He begins to lay aside these burdens, and seeks to have the dark recesses of his nature illuminated. And not until he has subdued his passions and his appetites can he suspect himself deserving of being called a Son of Light.

"The savage is oftentimes the proudest of men, and the ignorant are usually in the same plight. The first act of the neophyte is, therefore, an act of humility. He must come neither as poor or rich, nor as high or low, and he must ignore all castes.

"As the temple was built, not with hewn but with unhewn stones, for no tool of iron could be lawfully raised upon an altar, or a temple of God (see Exodus xx, 25; Joshua viii, 31), so the stone brought for admission to the Masonic temple, in the person of the candidate, is divested of all metals to symbolize his being prepared not by force but by the omnipotent power of reason and light. The great skill is exhibited in fitting every stone, no matter its peculiarities, into a harmonious whole, and into a spiritual temple fitly framed together.

"The Entrance.—Opening the Great Light again at Luke xi, 9, we read the precious encouragement, 'Ask and it shall be given unto you.' The neophyte asked, out of a desire welling up in his heart, for information, and a friend informed him, one he afterwards found to be a

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brother. Then he sought, as he was further encouraged, and he reached the portal. There he knocked, and behold the door was opened unto him. Here began the oft seen afterwards Three; Ask, Seek, Knock being the first triad.

"Three is a sacred word of the craft, and the neophyte sees it in the lights and the officers. He sees the great fountain of Masonic light open on the Masonic altar, his own nature symbolized by what lies upon that open light, and the white apron which symbolizes the life he is seeking after. But above all these he is taught to put his trust always in God, and for him his friends appeal.

"General Remarks.—The initiated entered apprentice should be carefully taught the duties inculcated by the ceremonials and by the symbols. He should not be rushed on to the fellow-craft until he really understands that there is something worth having in that already given him. The high-sounding recitations will not accomplish this end. The Master of the lodge, or some well-informed brother, should take the apprentice in charge just as they would take an operative apprentice.

"The apprentice should also be taught that charity, brotherly love, the giving of alms, and the worship of God are best performed in silence and secrecy. The right hand should give, but the left hand should not know to whom. The heart should unfold its brotherly affection, and in best form, when the other brother is not present. God should be adored, not in the glare of public ostentation, but in the secret silence of the closed closet.

"When the apprentice looks upon the rule, with its equal parts, and the gavel, he should learn of that force of character necessary to resist the temptations of a depraved nature. A true life is symmetrical, equally divided and balanced.

"When he beholds the points of the compasses below the square, he should recall the labor and determination necessary to place his reason above his sordid appetites, and he should diligently toil to accomplish that much, at least.

"Morally, he is but a babe, and must be fed with the milk of instruction. But growth is as sure as his existence, and stronger food will be assimilated as light and strength increase.

"Such is our understanding of the entered apprentice degree.

"The Ancient Work.—All of us recall numerous occasions when good brethren arose on the floor of this Grand Lodge and insisted with warmth that the lectures as taught them by some venerable lecturer then at rest, were the only simon-pure work adopted by Israel's king and practised by all ages ever since. To argue with such, some of us discovered, was only butting one's head against a stone wall. That was the way they received it, and of course that was the 'old way,' and there argument, history, fact and common sense rested. And there we arguers rested, too.

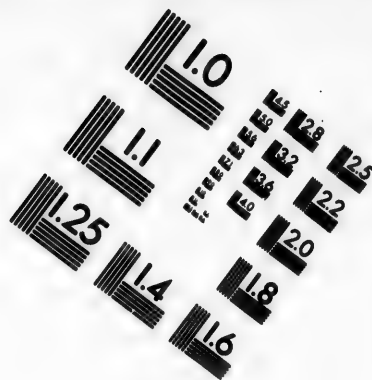
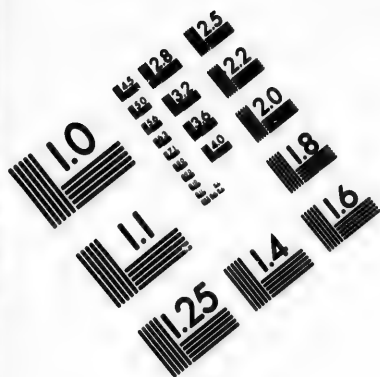
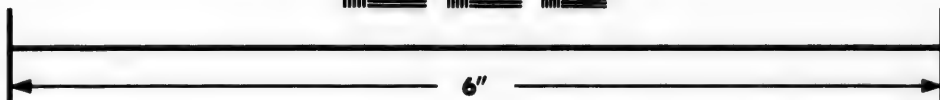
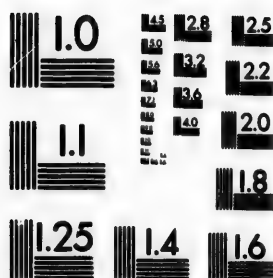


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"The lectures as taught in these United States, just as the lectures of the fraternity in the British Isles and of the continent of Europe, are the result of numerous revisions, with consequent elaboration, condensation and modification of teaching. No ritual of any country was in use, or known, in 1717. *And by this we mean that the means of recognition are nearly now what they were then, but the lectures present most radical modifications.* If our brethren could accept this fact and discard the romancing of those who never read, they would find no difficulty in understanding the genius of our noble fraternity. But so long as they surrender themselves to mere romances, declaimers and inventors, they will remain in the bonds of superstition and ignorance.

"We are thoroughly acquainted with the Preston lectures, with what is certified as the Webb work, with the rituals in force to-day in the British Isles, Canada, Germany and Italy. And while the means of recognition are practically the same, the varieties in ceremonials are almost endless. But does each country claim to have the only correct Solomon ritual of the ancient craft? I never heard such a claim set up outside of America.

"The rituals were exceedingly simple three-quarters of a century ago. Then there arose ritual builders, and the glorious army has been recruited continually until the approaches, galleries, aisles and even the chancel of the Masonic Temple have been crowded with trumpery and rubbish of the most illiterate quality. Much of this trumpery are high sounding phrases, words of learned length and thundering sound, glittering much but meaning little. And the craft of to-day are asked by the romancers to accept these additions, interlineations, adornments and genuflections as the only true and ancient work that has come down to us from time immemorial. And some ask me to refrain from telling my brethren of these facts!!! O, never!

"And here I may be asked: 'What, then, is the ancient work?' My reply is: 'I do not know.' This may be put down as pure ignorance, but it is the fact. No man knows what were the exact rituals in force at the revival of 1717. What rituals are we using in Tennessee, then? I answer: 'The same as prevail in nearly all the United States lodges, but which are unknown to foreign countries.'

"*American and Foreign Freemasonry*.—There are thousands of the fraternity who believe almost as implicitly as they do in the existence of God that the legends of Freemasonry are historical facts; that the King of Tyre was in the habit of going down to Jerusalem and chatting with the King of Israel about the welfare of the ancient craft, and that in spite of the scriptural statement that Hab was present at the dedication of the Temple, that the awful tragedy actually occurred. To be sure these are not students, not even readers, but their stubbornness in believing is equalled by their lack of information only.

"Some good brethren cling to a ritual they were taught in early manhood, persistently declaring it to be the only true and ancient work,

bad English, bad history, bad ceremonials and all. Such will say: 'You ought to see so-and-so, or myself, confer the work.' The writer remembers hearing a Master correct a Deacon because he said: 'Whom have we here?' The Master said, with some irritation in his tones: 'Who have we here is the old work, Brother Senior Deacon, and you will so say.' But the S. D., being a schoolmaster, stuck to 'whom.' I was appealed to and sustained 'whom;' and from that night until now the Master has met me with frigid politeness.

"Brethren should remember that the operative craft used few, if any, ceremonials in making members, the O. B.'s and means of recognition being about the sum total, except, perhaps, an admonition. When the speculative Masonry began to develop, ceremonials began to be devised also. Whether or not speculative Masonry borrowed the means of recognition from the operatives, as it did their symbols, this committee is unable to declare with any certainty; but our belief is that it did not. We believe the speculatives did not desire to be associated with the operatives, and protected themselves accordingly.

"As the years increased, the lessons, ceremonials and means of recognition varied and increased under the manipulations of 'philosophers' and ritual builders. Among the most prominent of these playwrights stand Preston, of England, and Webb, of the United States. And since their days an army of ritual tinkers have arisen and so changed the ceremonials that if a Mason of 1717 were to visit a Masonic lodge to-day he might suspect that there was something clandestine in the air.

"The makers of 'Monitors,' or Masonic text books, have been as prolific as the ritual builders, and they have cooked up a series of explanations of ceremonies and symbols that mostly make darkness darker. In this regard the Americans have followed the English, and beyond cavil the English scholars were not among the text book makers. And even the scholarly Oliver gave his judgment into the hands of his imagination, and wrote stuff about the craft that is as ridiculous as it is profuse. No wonder the busy craftsman has fallen into all sorts of absurd beliefs.

"The rituals in force in the United States are practically uniform, save, perhaps, those of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. The means of recognition are uniform, the differences being in mere verbiage; differences that amount to nothing to the thoughtful, though of much importance to the mere reciters of words. These latter contend for 'communicate,' instead of 'invest,' for 'guard against,' instead of 'keep off,' and such like nothings.

"The rituals of the continent of Europe and of the British Isles are different from each other and from those of the United States. The rituals of England, of Scotland and of Ireland differ from each other, the latter more nearly approaching those of the United States.

"No rituals beyond seas use D. G.'s in any of the degrees. These are a purely American invention.

"The means of recognition are about the same in the rituals of the British Isles, but differ somewhat on the continent. Nor is the M. M. W—k exactly the same. The first is the second and the second is the first on the continent. England and the United States are alike.

"The S—s of the first and second are the same all over Europe. The American first is the same as the European, but the American D. G. of the second is the S. of the European. The S. of the third on the continent is the same as the American, with a slight addition. The third in England has five S—s and a S. of J. Only one of these is in the American ritual.

"The ceremonies are much briefer, especially of the third. Many dramatic features are wanting. While this brevity detracts from the pageant, it really adds to the brevity of the work. We candidly believe that many features of the English work could be profitably introduced into the American, after some meaningless things in the American were eliminated.

"The writer said to an English Mason of some official prominence in London that many lodges in the United States robbed the officers in the third. His reply was, with true insular conceit: "We do not in England, and, please God, we never shall." England has always illustrated a different spirit, and hence has several times modified her rituals, but the self-important brother just quoted, has many counterparts in America; hundreds who insist that such and such are the Solomon work, and such and such are the only true ceremonies and lessons. Of these mere believers we have little hope, since it is the 'way I received it' constitutes the only right way to them. These hints are thrown out in the hope of stimulating a spirit of inquiry and study, not in those self-satisfied ones, but in those who really desire to know and follow the true and the right.

"So long as mere busy business men seek and gain admission to the chairs of Grand Masters, and thus become lecturers on Freemasonry, so long will ignorance be perpetuated and the temple origin of Freemasonry be insisted upon as ritual history. Our principles are as old as Solomon, aye, as Adam, yea, and, with reverence, as old as the Creator himself. It is of such antiquity we boast, and not of the antiquity of signs and symbols, of ceremonials and of origin. No doubt ours is the oldest occidental secret society, but what would that count for if God-instituted principles were not the principles of the fraternity?

"There is a godless society in France called Freemasonry, but it is not Freemasonry. Without a belief in God the Father, Freemasonry is

impossible. And there is more demanded than the mere profession of a belief in God. There must be a life of filial reverence of that Father; a sensitiveness to all reflections upon the name of that Father; an ardent desire to glorify that Father, and an unwearied readiness to aid and assist his children, who are created in his image. Such is Freemasonry as taught everywhere but in atheistic France; and true Freemasonry has no association with French so-called Masons."

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FIETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, HOUSTON, DECEMAER 6TH, 1693.

Ⓜ. W. John Watson, Grand Master, presiding. Our Representative not reported as present. The death of R. W. Bro. Jno. B. McMahon, P.G.M., is recorded. The decisions rendered are all of local interest and involve no new points.

Returns show 533 Lodges; members, 21,128, net increase during the year 935. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thos. M. Matthews, P.G.M., which is well prepared, full of interest and instructive. British Columbia receives review for 1892. Thanks for your very complimentary remarks. Your Representative was present in 1892 as also this year, but did not consider himself a duly accredited Representative not having (to this date, June 24th, 1893), received his commission. Our V. W. Grand Secretary said he had written several times without receiving any reply. What was the cause? Speaking of our enactment requiring all Brethren, after advancement to the Master's degree, to make themselves proficient and pass a satisfactory examination, says: "This is a good rule, and one which, with much benefit, might be adopted in all other jurisdictions. Were it to become universal, and be enforced, we would have fewer

Brethren than now unable to work their way into other Lodges than their own."

M. W. THOS. B. COCHRAN,

Grand Master, Austin.

R. W. W. F. SWAIN,

Grand Secretary, Houston.

Fifty-eighth Annual, Houston, 5th December, 1893.

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Utah.

THE volume opens with a cut of the New City and County Buildings, Salt Lake City, the corner stone of which was laid by the A. F. and A. M., on 25th July, 1892, being Pioneer Day, so called "in commemoration of the day on which Brigham Young and one hundred and forty-three of his followers, arrived in, and saw the beautiful Salt Lake Valley for the first time, on the 24th July, 1847."

The twenty-second Annual, Salt Lake City, 17th Jan., 1893. M. W. Watson N. Shilling, Grand Master. Our Representative not reported as present. The Grand Master reports: "The growth of members in our Lodges during the year has been beyond precedent, and it is cause for rejoicing that only fitting stones have been added to the Masonic edifice in this Territory. Our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions are of the most fraternal character. We live in peace with all the world, and so may it ever be. Returns are 8 Lodges with 522 members. Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Diehl. British Columbia is reviewed for 1892, and in the course of his remarks, says:

"The address of the Grand Master is a lengthy (20 pages) and carefully prepared document, treating in a fair spirit all matters of interest to the Jurisdiction under his care, and showing that his heart was in his work. He had visited all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, except two in

the northern part of the Island, and reports the year one of great prosperity for Masonry in British Columbia. 'To literary and social features,' he says, 'not sufficient interest is attached to these necessary adjuncts of our Institution.' He recommends that these features should be practised at every Lodge meeting, and holds that by so doing the evenings spent in the Lodge room would be 'full of interest, full of instruction and full of enjoyment.' Our opinion exactly. He granted one Dispensation for a new Lodge, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge. The decisions—six in number—of the Grand Master are in accord with the General Laws of Masonry, more especially the one that refers to the 'Perfect Youth' business. Two Lodges showed a little spirit of insubordination, claiming that because the Constitution adopted in 1871 gave them certain rights no amendment to that instrument subsequently could take these privileges from them. It is indeed strange what, peculiar ideas grown and intelligent people can get into their heads, but 'Alles ist schon einmal dagewesen,' said Ben Akiba; and the old Patriarch was right. It was just such an idea that caused the rupture between Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, and the Grand Lodge, of Connecticut. That Lodge came back into the fold after seeing the folly of its actions, and so would the two Lodges in British Columbia have returned if the Grand Lodge had pushed the matter and not 'smoothed it over.' It may be all right for the present, but the time may come that this very action will be cited as a precedent. Judging from the picture of the Grand Master which adorns the Proceedings as a frontispiece, he is yet a very young man, we guess about twenty-eight, and judging further from his address he will continue to work in the Masonic quarry until his now well cultivated moustache and hair get as gray as those of the present writer, who here prophesies that some day this very precedent will be used in the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for all sorts of purposes. We have lived in a land of prophets for twenty-six years, and know that we are right."

Many thanks, Bro. Diehl, for your compliments, and am not such a shady "Spring Chicken" as you imagine, having passed the shady side of 40.

M. W. A. B. EMERY,

Grand Master, Park City.

R. W. C. DIEHL,

Grand Secretary, Salt Lake City,
also, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Twenty third Annual, Peoro City, 16th January, 1894.

Virginia.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL, CITY OF RICHMOND, 1ST
DECEMBER, 1892.

M. W. W. H. Pleasants, Grand Master. Our Representative not reported present. The Grand Master says: "I am happy to be able to report that Masonry throughout our State is advancing, not perhaps with the rapidity which is apparent in some States, but with a solid and healthy growth. Above all we should be fervently thankful that peace and harmony prevail, and that no disturbing questions have arisen to rend our harmonious brotherhood into discordant and warring factions." He pays fraternal tribute to "the departed." Decisions reported involve nothing new, and are of local interest only.

Returns show 241 Lodges, with 11,424 Affiliated Masons. No Report on Correspondence.

M. W. BRO. W. H. PLEASANTS,

Grand Master, Hollins.

R. W. BRO. WM. B. ISAACS,

Grand Secretary, Richmond.

M. W. Wm. F. Drinkard, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Richmond.

Next Annual, Richmond, 1st Tuesday, December, 1893.

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Vermont.

THE large volume of Proceedings open with a steel engraving of M. W. Marsh O. Perkins, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and a bright, intelligent face it is. Special was held 23rd June, 1891, for purpose of at-

tending the Funeral of P.G.M. H. H. Smith, who died 20th June. Two other Specials were held for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic Halls.

Ninety-ninth Annual, Burlington, 15th June, 1892, M. W. Delos M. Bacon, Grand Master. Our Representative was reported as present. W. W. Bro. Bacon, in his address, pays a glowing tribute to the Fraternal dead, of sister as well as their own jurisdiction. Ten decisions are reported, all sound Masonic law, but are not of sufficient importance to record. The address throughout, shows an able, zealous and worthy man and Mason, in Bro. Bacon, and he is appreciated by the Craft in the State, having again elected him (for the third time) as Grand Master, this speaks more than words. Report shows present membership to be 8,976. Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, P.G.M., who is well up in the work, and fully conversant with Masonic jurisprudence. British Columbia for 1891, is reviewed.

M. W. DELOS M. BACON,

Grand Master, St. Johnsbury Centre.

R. W. WARREN G. REYNOLDS,

Burlington, *Grand Secretary*.

One hundredth Annual, Burlington, 14th June, 1893.

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Washington.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, SPOKANE, 14TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. Thomas Amos, Grand Master. Our Representative, M. W. J. R. Hayden, present. Seventy Lodges represented. The Grand Master reports: "It is my pleasure to announce that our fraternal relations so pleasantly existing with our sister and foreign jurisdictions remain unimpaired." A number of decisions are

reported, only one of which differs from our views. "When the Committee reports unfavorably upon a petition for degrees or affiliation, is it necessary for the Lodge to ballot upon the petition? It is—a petition can be rejected only by ballot." An unfavorable report with us does not require a ballot, as it is looked upon as a rejection, for it is presumed that one or more of the Committee will cast an unfavorable ballot. This is the view also taken by Mackay, who says: "If the report of the Committee is unfavorable, the candidate is at once rejected without ballot" (Petitions 182). Bro. Amos, (following the decision of a predecessor) decided that "It is not admissible and proper for a Lodge to appear in public as a Lodge and attend divine service on Sunday, it being St. John's Day." We should like to know why? We have always done so here and cannot see any objections, as it is not in the strict meaning "Masonic labor," and the day could not be better commemorated than by attending divine service. I quite concur in the remarks on the Past Master Degree "that Degree is evidently an innovation in Blue Lodge Masonry, and I have no doubt properly belongs to the Chapter." The Grand Secretary reports: "The prosperity and harmonious condition of the Lodges within the jurisdiction continues with gratifying interest. No case of grievance or appeal, or of serious disturbance, has been reported to this office during the past year."

Returns show 72 Lodges, with 4091 Master Masons, net increase for the year 671. Report on Correspondence is by Thos M. Reed, P.G.M. British Columbia for 1891 is reviewed extensively.

M. W. ALFRED A. PLUMMER,

Grand Master, Port Townsend.

R. W. THOS. M. REED,

Grand Secretary, Olympia.

also, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Thirty-sixth Annual, Tacoma, June 18th, 1893.

Wisconsin.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, MILWAUKEE, 14TH JUNE, 1892.

M. W. W. M. Littlejohn, Grand Master. The Grand Master reports: "The past year has been to Masonry one of the most peaceful and prosperous in the history of this jurisdiction. Not even a ripple of discord has disturbed the placid surface of harmony that exists between our constituent Lodges." The decisions reported are interesting, but are mainly local law, involving no new points. Returns show present membership 14,493, net increase for year 599.

With sincere regret we note the death of our Representative, Bro. Homer S. Goss, P.G.M., who was an active member of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master pays him the following glowing tribute:

HOMER S. GOSS.

"Among those we mourn to-day is one, who for many years has been active in all departments of Masonry; one who enjoyed a wide acquaintance in Masonic circles, and was respected and beloved by all who knew him. His heart ever beat responsive to any call for sympathy or help. He sought for duty—did not wait for it to call him. He was constant, in season and out of season, to advance the interests of the Order he loved so well. Let us, my brethren, with brotherly affection tenderly weave a chaplet to crown the memory of Homer S. Goss. In 1877, Bro. Goss was S. W. of this Grand Lodge. He has held many positions of honor in other Masonic bodies."

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Duncan McGregor. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891, receiving very favorable mention.

M. W. FRED KING,

Grand Master, La Crosse.

V. W. JOHN W. LAFLIN,

Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

Wyoming.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL, DOUGLAS, 1ST DECEMBER, 1892.

M. W. John C. Dains, D.G.M., presiding, the M. W. Grand Master being detained at home, through the sickness of himself and family. Our Grand Representative not present. No decisions reported. Membership 746, net increase 38. The request for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand was deferred until next Annual Communication. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. L. Kuykendall. British Columbia is reviewed for 1892.

M. W. JOHN C. DAVIS,

Grand Master, Rawlins.

V. W. WM. L. KUYKENDALL,

Grand Secretary, Saratoga.

Nineteenth Annual, Laramie, 5th December, 1893.

Louisiana.

THE Volume of Proceedings comes to hand just as we are finishing our report, and regret it did not reach us earlier, as we like the style of Bro. Fellows report and accept his "pointer," intending to adopt some of his methods in our next.

A life-like steel portrait adorns the opening page, of P.G.M. Charles F. Buck, who has filled the high and dignified office of Grand Master of Louisiana for six years, with marked ability. There is also annexed a resume of his life and Masonic history, which points him out as a public spirited citizen and a zealous, learned Mason. A special

Communication was held June 24th, 1892, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple.

The 81st Annual was opened in the City of New Orleans, at new Masonic Temple, 13th February, 1893, R. W. D.G.M. Geo. H. Packwood presiding. The M. W. G. M. Chas. F. Buck being absent on account of sickness. Our Representative not present. Grand Master's address is another of his able efforts, and should like to make copious extracts if space permitted. A few decisions of local interest are reported, but are all in accord with sound Masonic law and practice. Peace, harmony and good feeling and noble ambition prevail in all Lodges.

M. W. GEO. W. BOLTON,

Grand Master, Pineville.

R. W. RICHARD LAMBERT,

Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

Eighty-second Annual, New Orleans, 14th Feb., 1894.

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Territory of Oklahoma.

PROCEEDINGS of the First Annual of this "Baby" Grand Lodge just at hand (June 28th), and welcome you into the "fold." By an unanimous vote, at our Annual, June 22nd, you were accorded fraternal recognition, and an exchange of representatives granted. The Proceedings, Constitution, By-laws and General Regulations do them credit. To show the perfect harmony existing between the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma (just separated), we insert the following extract from the Grand Master's address, which speaks for itself.

OUR MOTHER.

"Words fail me to suitably express the deep obligations I feel myself, as well as our Grand Lodge, to be under the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, whom we affectionately and proudly style. "Our Mother." R. W. J. S. Murrow, that wise and good man so dear to our hearts, whom we learned to love and respect while we were members of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, has left nothing undone to further our cause and to assist us in our work. Our every wish seemed a command to him, and to his advice and assistance we owe much. It would only be a just tribute for our Grand Lodge to pass fitting and appropriate resolutions, tendering him our thanks and appreciation for his earnest and untiring efforts in our behalf.

"Our Mother" held her Nineteenth Annual Communication at Ardmore, last week, and I sent them the following message :

GUTHRIE, OK., Feb. 8th, 1893.

TO THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY,

Now in session at Ardmore, I. T.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma sends fraternal greetings to the Mother Lodge and assures her of our grateful remembrance. May the Divine favor be richly bestowed upon this your Nineteenth Communication.

A. J. SPENGLER, Grand Master.

To which I received the following reply :

ARDMORE, I. T., Feb. 10th, 1893.

M. W. A. J. SPENGLER, Grand Master, Guthrie, Ok.

The Mother returns the greetings of her daughter very affectionately, and trusts she will multiply and replenish the Oklahoma earth."

J. S. MURROW, Grand Secretary.

Returns show 12 Lodges, with 437 members.

M. W. AUGUST J. SPENGLER,

Grand Master, Guthrie.

R. W. JAMES S. HUNT,

Grand Secretary, Frontier.

also, Chairman Committee on Correspondence

Our best wishes attend you and may you be prosperous.

New South Wales.

JUNE 1891 TO JUNE 1892.

HIS Excellency the Earl of Jersey, M. W. Grand Master, was re-elected. Speaking of his various visitations throughout the Colony, says: "Surely, Brethren, it is not the office which we as Masons value so much, but it is the knowledge that we are partners in a Fraternity which has for its objects great and valued principles, and I should say from my experience we may be quite sure that Masonry is well carried out throughout New South Wales." One thousand seven hundred and twenty-six new Brethren were installed during the year. The membership on 30th June, 1892, was 8,425. We notice the Grand Lodge of Hayti has recognition and an interchange of Representatives. They have a Freemason's Benevolent Institution for the "Permanent Relief of Aged, Distressed and Infirm Freemasons, their Wives and Widows," with a large surplus fund.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

ALL we have received is the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication holden at Melbourne, March 21st, 1892. R. W. George Baker, P.G.M., as Grand Master, presiding. Our Grand Representative was present. Sixty-four Lodges were represented.

BRO. SIR W. J. CLARKE, BART.,

re-elected M. W. Grand Master.

V. W. THOS. H. LEMPRIERE,

Grand Secretary.

V. W. Rev. D. Meadowcroft, Grand Secretary, Foreign Correspondence.

United Grand Lodge of England.

WE have received the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications, June 1st and December 7th, 1892. The Earl of Latham, M. W. Grand Master, on the Throne

At the meeting of December 7th, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was nominated as M. W. Grand Master, the Brother adding to his motion "There can be no doubt whatever that the very great services of H. R. H. to the Craft are well known. There can be no doubt whatever that the loyalty, the Fraternity, I might almost say affection, with which his name is regarded by the Craft, are widely known and need not be repeated. His worth is known throughout the civilized world, wherever the English language is heard, and from the rising to the setting sun."

Several additions were made to the existing number of Grand Lodge Officers.

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New Zealand.

ANNUAL, AUCKLAND, 28TH APRIL, 1893.

M. W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Master. Twenty-six Lodges were represented. The Grand Master reports progress of a substantial nature. In April, 1890, Grand Lodge was inaugurated with 41 Lodges and had increased up to present time to 89, with a membership of 3,090. Grand Lodge is free from debt with a surplus of £500. The G. M. says: "Does not this warrant us in saying, not boastfully, but confidently, that we are progressing most satisfactorily, and that our future is assured? We are sorry if it wounds our friends on the other side to hear of our success, but they must try and forgive us for being proud of it."

"RECOGNITION.—I congratulate you upon the fact that every mail now brings us the cheering intelligence that more and more of the Grand Lodges of the world are extending recognition to us.

In America, every application from a Grand Lodge for recognition is referred to a Committee of skilled experts in Masonic jurisprudence, who exhaustively enquire into the regularity of the creation of the applying Grand Lodge, and the validity and justice of its claims; the fact, therefore, of our application being favorably reported on, after this thorough examination, is in each case a fresh certificate from unbiassed and impartial judges of our unquestionable right to existence; and lays at the door of our parent Grand Lodges another indictment for their unnaturally and wholly unwarrantably withholding from us our undoubted right, which we have done nothing to forfeit.

But brethren, let us still show that we know how to suffer and be strong.

'In the end of ends only the right conquers.' "

M. W. BRO. M. NICCOL,

Grand Master.

V. W. REV. WM. RONALDSON,

Grand Secretary, Auckland.

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Conclusion.

WITH great reluctance as to the responsibility, and a degree of timidity as to the ability, did we enter upon this our first effort as a reviewer of Foreign Correspondence, and as in all matters requiring any skill or proficiency, experience must play an important part, we crave the kind consideration and indulgence of our Brethren in the Reportorial Corps. Although our report is somewhat lengthy there was a great deal more in the proceedings before us that we should have liked to extract. It has been our aim to lay before our readers (referring to Brethren of our own jurisdiction) what has transpired and been said of interest in sister jurisdictions, more than to attempt a great deal at argument or criticism. We also trust, now that this

Report has been made, our Brethren of B. C. will carefully read it (as we should all read and study), as it is intended to communicate the doings of the Masonic world, and will most certainly tend to affiliate your minds and hearts more closely to our sister Grand Lodges. My confreres on the Committee have been kind and good enough to allow me to do all the work. I do not say this by way of complaint, as I feel flattered at the trust and confidence they have reposed in me.

With best wishes for the Peace, Prosperity and Harmony to our sister jurisdictions, we draw our labor of love to a close for 1893.

" So let us live and strive toward the best,
Throughout the world our passes guide,
By holy grips hand joins with hand,
In heart, in thought, in purpose one,

A Mason is a man,
A man of worth, by signs shown forth
A man of sympathy and cheer,
A man to hate the tyrant's frown,
A man with men, in battle strong,
For God and home and country true,
For compass, square and altar,
Here we meet and here we part.

GOOD-BYE."

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. MILNE, P.G.M.

E. D. McLAREN,

V. W. Grand Chaplain.

By the Chairman

MARCUS WOLFE, P.G.M.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence, British Columbia.

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Regul
Hall.

Flint, Art
Oddy, Ben
Belyea, A
Teague, J
Mason, C
Milne, Geo

Baker, E.
Cartmel, D
Fletcher, T
Livock, W
Mitchell, T
Millar, Jan
Mills, Albe
McKeown,
McGregor,

Andrews, J
Arthur, Wil
Boss, G.
Broderick,
Bendrodt, J
Bourchier, I
Butters, Jan
Blackwood,
Browne, Rev

APPENDIX

RETURNS Of the Subordinate Lodges

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M.: W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

From March 1st, 1892 to February 28th, 1893.

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

Flint, Arthur St. G.....	Worshipful Master	Richardson, W. A.....	Senior Deacon
Oddy Benjamin S.....	Senior Warden	Salmon, Henry L.....	Junior Deacon
Belyea, Arthur Lewis.....	Junior Warden	Elliott, John George.....	Steward
Teague, John, P. M.....	Treasurer	Jones, Charles Frederick.....	Steward
Mason, C. Dubois.....	Secretary	Ball, John R. W.....	Inner Guard
Milne, George L.....	Director of Ceremonies	Trickey, William.....	Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Baker, E. Crow	McFarland, George	Shotbolt, Thomas
Cartmel, Daniel	Nathan, Henry	Salmon, E. J.
Futcher, Thomas S.	Northcott, W. W.	Simpkins, Wm.
Livock, W. T.	Piercy, John	Trounce, Thomas
Mitchell, T. R.	Pearson, Thomas B.	Thompson, George
Millar, James	Quinlan, W. J.	Williams, Frederick
Mills, Albert Erastus	Russell, George S.	Williams, Benjamin
McKeown, Angus	Southgate J. J.	Weiler, John
McGregor, Moses		

MASTER MASONS.

Andrews, James	Burns, William Carr	Cornish, J. C.
Arthur, William	Bentley, John James	Chipchase, Robt.
Besel, G.	Brown, Thomas Henry	Curral, W. D.
Broderick, R.	Brett, Robert Emmett	Carthew, John A.
Bendrodt, J. P.	Croft, Henry	Cameron, Allan
Bourchier, Francis	Cohen, J. A.	Coltart, John
Butters, James	Campbell, Daniel	Dodds, Thomas
Blackwood, L. E.	Creech, William	Dudgeon, James
Browne, Rev. M. C.	Church, J. E.	Deans, George

MASTER MASONS--Continued.

Day, John E.
Draney, Robert
Dean, John
Danby, Wm. H.
Eanout, R. B.
English, Robert
Elford, J. P.
Ellis, W. H.
Fowler, Jasper
Flett, Henry F.
Fraser, R. L.
Flumerfelt, A. C.
Fullaston, J. S.
Guslean, Charles
Garland, F. W.
Grove, W. H.
Hooper, Matthew
Hookway, A. F.
Hoolins, J. M.
Holland, Joshua
Harrison, J. B.
Hall, John
Innes, Henry Morrimer
Jeffcott, J. C.
Jones, John
Jones, Albert M.
Kelly, S. L.
Kettle, W. H.
Ker, D. R.
Knight, George
Loewen, Joseph
Levy, J. L.
Langley, Edward
Loseby, H. E.
Leverson, James C.
Mitchell, T. G.
Munro, George E.

Mesher, Geo. C.
Mesher, George
Mason, Robert
Mason, Albert
Mallette, C. E.
Martin, A. C.
Martin J. T.
Mickle-Francis, Ord
Moffatt, John
Munn, Henry A.
Mable, W. J.
McDonald, Alex.
McCahill, Michael
McNiven, Alex.
McMillan, D.
McCandless, Alex. G.
Mackenzie, Wm. Giles
Nicholson, J.
Nicholles, John
Northcott, J. A.
Nichells, W. T. J.
Phillips, Alex.
Phillips, W. J.
Penneck, W. H.
Parkhurst, A. H.
Purchas, G. G.
Preece, Thomas
Penney, J. L.
Pike, Albert
Prosser, Thos. H.
Prevost, Wilford J.
Robinson, J. J.
Richards, M. S.
Rusta, Andrew
Ridgman, A. H.
Reid, A. R.
Rouse, Peter

Robson, F.
Robinson, Theo. H.
Richardson, P. F.
Roberts, Frederick C.
Reddick, Wm.
Robertson, James Rod'k
Sheehan, Daniel
Stockham, Frederick
Shaw, W. N.
Shaw, W. H.
Saunders, Henry
Smith, V. W.
Smith, J. McK.
Smith, W. J.
Staunton, Herbert
Stewart, Alex.
Stamford, J. L.
Sinclair, Robert
Salmond, Samuel
Swinerton, Robt. H.
Speed, J. W.
Stocks, Joseph H.
Shepherd, Henry W.
Sharp, Kendrick
Toller, Albert
Tulk, Charles James
Thompson, Martin
Turner, Augustus F.
Townsend, Neville F.
Wenger, John
Whittaker, William
Wills, Albert
Waterman, C. A.
Wright, Henry
Williams, William T.

DEMITTED.

Anderson, John Robt.
Fletcher, Ormond
Harrison, Wm.
Higgins, D. W.
Hunt, George

Kurby, J. T.
Mindego, Thos.
Mathers, Frederick
Mills, Albert George

Parkhurst, A. H.
Rooke, George V.
Snowden, N. P.
Salisbury, John R.

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Clarke, John Sibree

Williams, Wm. H.

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Richards, Oliver

MASTER MASONS DECEASED.

Brown, William Robie

REJECTED :

For Degrees--Two.

Reg

A. B.
H. W.
Geo.
J. F.
R. A.
Rev. I.
R. B. I.

Heaven
Dalby,
Dow, G.
Graham

Anderson
Bullen, W.
Brown, F.
Bucknam.
Bishop, G.
Behnen, F.
Bragg, W.
Bragg, Ed.
Browne, L.
Callbreath,
Cunningham
Coigdarripe
Collins, Th.
Cox, C. N.
Cutler, M. R.
Campbell, C.
Catterall, Th.
Dawley, F. J.
Davies, Josh.
Doig, David
Danneberg.
Drake, Rich.
Dillon, C. F.
Ercole, Domi
Frank, Alex.
Gilmore, Alex.
Gregg, F. T.
Gutman, Dav

Chestney, W. H.
Fox, C. C.

VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 3.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of each month at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE.

A. B. Erakine.....	Worshipful Master	George Glover.....	Senior Deacon
H. Waller.....	Senior Warden	Cecil Fletcher.....	Junior Deacon
Geo. H. Brown.....	Junior Warden	A. M. Muir.....	Steward
J. F. Becker.....	Treasurer	Rich'd Shaw.....	Steward
R. A. Brown.....	Secretary	C. E. Stollard.....	Inner Guard
Rev. Dr. John Campbell.....	Chaplain	W. Trickey (not a member).....	Tyler
R. B. McMicking, P.M.....	Dir. of Cern's		

PAST MASTERS.

Beaven Robt.	Heisterman, H. F.	Moss, Morris.
Dalby, Wm.	Harrison, Eli, Sen.	Miller, J. M.
Dow, G. A.	Harrison, Eli, Jr.	Phillips, J. E.
Grahame, Jas. A.	Milne, A. R.	Ross, D. H.

MASTER MARSHALS.

Anderson, David H.	Haynes, Wm.	Magnesen, Theo. M.
Bullen, W. F. T.	Haynes, Geo. W.	McLennan, John
Brown, Fred.	Heron, Robt.	McLean, John
Bucknam, L. W.	Hunter, Jos.	McIver, Rod'k.
Bishop, Geo.	Harris, D. R.	McArthur, Jas.
Behnson, H. F. W.	Henderson, Thos.	McKenzie, A. M.
Bragg, Wm. Thos.	Harrison, S. G.	McKeil, Robt. E.
Bragg, Ed.	Harris, C. J.	Newman, Adolph
Browne, Loftus	Hayward, Charles	Ormiston, Geo.
Callbreath, J. C.	Hussey, F. S.	Purver, R. L.
Cunningham, Robt.	Hayward, Charles, Jr.	Patterson, John
Coigdarripe, John	Isaacs, Jacob.	Pearson, E.
Collins, Thos., P. M.	Irving, P. E.	Rudlin, Geo.
Cox, C. N.	Jasck, J. F.	Rithet, R. P.
Cutler, M. F.	Jones, W. H.	Ruckle, Henry
Campbell, Charles	Jenner, Geo.	Ross, Adam
Catterall, Thos.	Kelly, David L.	Robertson, E. V.
Dawley, F. J.	Lovell, J. B.	Steel, Peter
Davies, Joshua	Leiser, Simon	Sargison, G. A.
Dolg, David	Leiser, Gustave	Shaw, Thos.
Danneberg, Herman	Lewis, Aaron	Sinclair, T. F.
Drake, Rich'd.	Lewis Lewis	Sinclair, Duncan
Dillon, C. F.	Moody, T. G.	Turner, J. H.
Ercole, Domineque	Madden, Jerh.	Thompson, M. H.
Frank, Alex.	Morrison, Wm.	Tolmie, Andrew
Gilmore, Alex.	Meyer, Wm.	Williams, R. T.
Gregg, F. T.	Magnesen, Alf.	Walker, H. C.
Gutman, David	Muir, A. C.	Wilson, D.

DEMITTED.

Chestney, W. R.	Garrow, J. K.	Gamble, F. C.
Fox, C. C.	Hardie, Geo.	

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Barry, Francis

Bryce, Jas.

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Hughes, Wm. Ottis
Lang, A. D.

Morison, Rod'k.
Piper, C. T. W.

Stewart, Alex.

MASTER MASONS DECEASED.

Dodd, John W., March, 1892.

Paine, W. H., May, 1892.

McConnon, Thos., September, 29, 1892.

Waitt, M. W., July 10, 1892.

McDougall, Caleb, May 12, 1892.

Harding, Thos., January 5, 1893.

SUSPENDED.

Heathcote, G. T., (N.P.D.) March 18, 1892.

REJECTED: For Degrees—Two.



Cob
Bro
Luk
Bate
McK
Thom
Trun

Adam
Brow
Craig
Dillon

Aitken
Aitken
Baker
Bertie
Bertran
Bertran
Bevilloc
Boggia
Campb
Cowle
Cowlin
Davies
Davis
Davis
Dick, J
Dobson
Downie
Dunn
Eberts
Edward
Fergus
Fowler
Frame
Frame
Gillespie
Hamilton
Hardy, C

Counter,

Pottinger

ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 3.**NANAIMO, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

Coburn, John W.....	Worshipful Master	Barrett, E. W.	Senior Deacon
Brown, Joseph M.....	Senior Warden	Lewis, Wm.....	Junior Deacon
Lukey, R. J.....	Junior Warden	Barnes, E. C.....	Steward
Bate, Mark, P. M.....	Treasurer	Moss, Thos. F.....	Steward
McKensie, C. C., P. M.....	Secretary	Hoskin, E. A.....	Inner Guard
Thomson, Geo.....	Organist	Paulson, John.....	Tyler
Trumper, J. A.....	Director of Ceremonies		

PAST MASTERS.

Adams, Jas.	Drake, Samuel	Benwick, John
Brown, Jas. M.	Frame, John	Stewart, Wm.
Craig, R.	Haslam, A.	Westwood, C. N.
Dillon, H. A.	Leighton, W. K.	Wolfe, Marcus

MASTER MARSH.

Aitken, Jas.	Harris, David	Martell, J.
Aitken, Robt.	Henderson, Alex.	Mayer, A.
Baker, Geo.	Henderson, David	Millar, Thos.
Bertiaux, Arthur	Holmes, Jonathan	O'Connell, Thos.
Bertram, Hy. A.	Hensyman, Chas.	Paterson, James
Bertram, John	Horne, A. G.	Paterson, John
Bevilockway, Geo.	Horne, A. H.	Perkins, W. H. S.
Boggian, D.	Horne, Wm. A.	Reid, James
Campbell, Walter	Horth, C. W.	Reilley, C. J.
Cowie, Arch.	Hughes, John	Rice, P. J.
Cowling, W. B.	Hurst, Wm. J.	Richardson, Wm.
Davies, Thos. Lloyd	Jones, Thos.	Ross, Hy.
Davis, David	Kirkwood, R.	Sabiston, John
Davis, L. T.	Land, P. M.	Sloan, Wm.
Dick, John	Leask, Geo.	Stirton, W. J.
Dobson, David	McBain, Geo. A.	Summerhayes, Alfred
Downie, Wm.	McCartney, A.	Tamblyn, James
Dunn, Robt.	McCulloch, Wm.	Thomas, David
Eberts, D. W.	McKinley, James	Trounce, Wm.
Edwards, J. D.	McKinnell, A.	Trudell, Hy.
Ferguson, D. W.	McLachlan, R. K.	Van Houton, W. J.
Fowler, W.	McLay, Robt.	Watson, R. V.
Frame, James	McLean, D. J.	Williams, R.
Frame, John	McMillan, Ewen	Young, C. N.
Gillespie, John	McMurtrie, A. J.	Young, F. McB.
Hamilton, S. B.	Mahrer, John	Young, Robinson
Hardy, C. R.	Marshall, Wm.	

DEMITTED.

Counter, M. R.

Stephenson, D.

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Ross, W.

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Pottinger, D. R.

Monroe, H.

REJECTED: For Degrees—Three.

CARIBBO LODGE, No. 4.**BARKERVILLE, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the First Saturday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

McDermion, Hy.....	Worshipful Master	Stone, J.....	Secretary
Innes, James.....	Senior Warden	Paulson, Chas.....	Senior Deacon
Lanyon, Jno.....	Junior Warden	Reinhard, Wm.....	Junior Deacon
Kelly, Andrew.....	Treasurer	Wormold, Wm.....	Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Hageman, Christn.	McDermott, Hy.	Stone, J.
Martin, E. A.	Stephenson, Wm.	

MASTER MASON.

Brown, N. H.	Lewis, L. J.	St. Laurent, J. H.
Bowden, T.	O'Neil, C.	Reed, Jas.
Brookes, F. D.	McMillan, J. C.	Thormahlen, Theo.
Glendening, P.	McKay, David	Watt, Hugh
Johnston, W. A.		

DEWITTED.

Van Volkenburgh, B.



McN
Gillie
Jarret
Nelson
Ward
Maitle
Marrie

Allan,
Berry,
Black,
Cassels
Irwin,

Archer,
Aconley,
Anderson
Beaty, J.
Bell, H.
Bell-Irvi
Boyd, Th
Bell, F. C
Cordiner
Cook, E.
Cameron
Ceperle,
Colson, C
Chase, W
Clarkson
Conners
Douglas,
Evans, D
Evans, W
Edwards,
Erwin, W

Balmer,
Deacon, J

Hooper, V

Cowperth

Black, A.
Eggert, J

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.**VANCOUVER, B. C.**

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

McNaughton, P.	Worshipful Master	Williams, C. T.	Senior Deacon
Gillies, D. W.	Senior Warden	Douglas, C. S.	Junior Deacon
Jarrett, S. N.	Junior Warden	Allan, J. A.	Steward
Nelson, Chas.	Treasurer	Robertson, H.	Steward
Ward, Talbot	Secretary	Mayne, T. W.	Inner Guard
Maitland, Rev. R. B.	Chaplain	Shelton, G.	Tyler
Marrison, R.	Director of Ceremonies		

PAST MASTERS.

Allan, P. A.	Little, Jos.	Peck, E. J.
Berry, H. A.	Lees, A. E.	Springer, B.
Black, Geo.	McAllister, J.	Thomas, G.
Casselman, R.	Oppenheimer, I.	Wilson, G. I.
Irwin, W. H.		

MARTER MASONS.

Archer, C. W.	Edwards, Richard	McVean, H.
Aconley, Wm.	Farr, E.	McFarlane, J. H.
Anderson, Chas.	Franklin, J. L.	McKinnon, Thos.
Beatty, J.	Forsberg, C. G.	Oakley, N. L.
Bell, H. A.	Gavin, John	Painton, J. F.
Bell-Irving, D.	Hillier, Chas.	Ralph, Wm.
Boyd, Thomas H.	Haywood, V. W.	Smith, H.
Bell, F. G.	Hogg, Wm.	Scott, Thomas
Cordiner, P.	Janes, T. J.	Southcott, J. J.
Cook, E.	Linton, A.	Solloway, A. E.
Cameron, Jos.	Leslie, Jas.	Smith, J. B.
Ceperley, H. T.	Matheson, Wm.	Scott, S.
Colson, C. E.	Merrifield, A.	Stretch, Thos. P.
Chase, W. H.	Marks, A. J.	Tidy, Thomas
Clarkson, Joseph	Matherson, M.	Van Braemer, J.
Connors S. R.	Munro, J.	Williams, J.
Douglas, J. C.	Magee, G. E.	Weeks, G. W.
Evans, David	Middler, Wm	Woods, J. G.
Evans, W. H.	MacKinley, W. S.	Wetzel, C. C. H.
Edwards, Rev. H. (Hon.)	McKinnon, W.	Stewart, J. W.
Erwin, W.		

DEMITTED.

Bulmer, E. J.	Munnis, J. M.	Ufford, N. B.
Deacon, J. A.	O'Toole, J. M.	Gork, A.

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Hooper, Wm.	Proctor, Thos.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Cowperthwaite, F. M.	Butler, H. E.
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SUSPENDED.

Black, A. S.,	Carmichael, D.	Dwine, H. T.
Eggertt, Jules.	McLeod, J.	Schneider, F.

REJECTED: For Degrees—Three.

UNION LODGE, NO. 3.**NEW WESTMINSTER.**

Regular Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Binnie, Thomas.....	Worshipful Master	Cross, G. H.....	Junior Deacon
McKercher, Alex.....	Senior Warden	Sharp, R. P.....	Steward
Bonson, R. F.....	Junior Warden	Hunter, J. C.....	Steward
Campbell, A. O.....	Treasurer	Ross, H. G.....	Inner Guard
McColl, Wm.....	Secretary	Forrester, J. J.....	Tyler
Walker, R. E.....	Senior Deacon		

PAST MASTERS.

Buie, John	Grant, Peter	Manson, Wm.
Clute, John S.	Howay, Wm.	Murray, John (Hon.)
Charleson, Alex.	Hoy, Henry	Speirs, James
De Wolf Smith, W. A.	Johnson, Jas. B.	Sillitoe, Rt. Rev. A. W.
Duncan, W. A.	Kelly, Robt. B.	

MASTER MASONS.

Annandale, T. S.	Gray, J. H.	McRae, Alex. jr.
Armstrong, R. W.	Gauvreau, N. B.	McNeely, Thos.
Bule, W. Norman	Gilley, Geo. W.	McKenzie, Geo.
Bontlier, Francis	Gilley, W. A.	McNair, Alexander
Batchelor, Job	Gilley, Jas. R.	McNair, E.
Currie, William	Gibson, G. F.	Patterson, D.
Cowper, Jesse M.	Harvey, Jas. W.	Phillips, J. E.
Coatham, W. C.	Hendry, John	Riskie, L. W.
Croucher, Rev. C.	Hunter, Robert	Rae, James D.
Clapcott, W. G. C.	Hart, F. J.	Rankin, Jas. V.
Cotton, A. F.	Johnson, Wm.	Rickman, R. J.
Corbould, G. E.	Lehman, Isaac	Rich, H. N.
Coulthard, F. J.	Mead, Geo.	Robson, F. H.
Chisholm, H. M.	Moresby, Wm.	Scott, John T.
Chisholm, J. L.	Miller, Jas.	Stiraky, F.
Dodd, Wm.	Mills, Joseph	Shadwell, H. B.
Douglas, B. (Hon.)	Murchie, David	Smither, A.
Darcy, E. F.	McBride, A. H.	Tingley, S.
Eason, Wm.	McGillivray, D.	Townley, C. R.
Fraser, J. D.	McIntosh, R. W.	Wiggins, John
Finlaison, W. H.	McInnis, A.	Wise, A. J.
Forin, J. A.	McLean, A.	Whyte, J. C.
Gray, T. W.	McRae, Alex. ser.	

DEMITTED.

Cunningham, H.	Mahoney, C. E.	Reinhard, W.
Dawson, J. W.	MacAskill, M.	Spencer, O. L.
Fraser, A. M.	McDonald, Wm.	Teschner, H. C.
Hall, Zed S.	McIntosh, A. W.	Townley, T. O.

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Bates, J. C. A.

UNION LODGE, No. 9—*Continued.*

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON.

Carrie, Thomas

Mellard, S.

MASTER MASON DECEASED.

Laidlaw, Jas. A.

REJECTED:

For Degrees—One.



KAMLOOPS LODGE, No. 10.**KAMLOOPS, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Ridley, H. C. M.	Worshipful Master	Clarke, Sibree, M. D.	Dir. of Cer.
Carment, John J.	Senior Warden	McMorris, Alex.	Senior Deacon
Slater, Chas. R.	Junior Warden	Barnhart, P. A.	Junior Deacon
Roadley, Thos.	Treasurer	Roper, W. J.	Steward
Wood, Stuart E.	Secretary	Ristee, Geo. F.	Steward
McGregor, Alex.	Chaplain	Herchmer, John.	Inner Guard

PAST MASTERS.

Bannerman, John	Horlock, D. W. H.	Tunstall, S. J., M.D.
Clarke, S., M.D.	McGregor, A.	Wood, Stuart E.
Graham, J. O.	Ridley, H. C. M.	

MASTER MASONS.

Burnyeat, J. P.	John, G. E.	Noble, A.
Carment, John J.	Lee, R. H.	Ostrom, A. D.
Duck, J.	Loney, Geo.	Ristern, Geo. F.
Decker, Isaac	Meldrum, J. A.	Ross, M. G.
Elliott, Alf.	McDonald, H.	Roper, J. W.
Fingland, A. R.	McMorin, Alex.	Sirson, J.
Graham, T. W.	McDougall, John	Sweeney, Thos.
Hosker, D. M.	McKay, Alex. J.	Wills, H. S. N.
Hume, W. R.	Mara, John A.	

DEMITTED.

Eckersley, Thos.	Hussey, Fred. S.	Venn, A. J.
Hill, S. C.	Turner, John A.	

SUSPENDED.

Ross, John D.	Hanna, S. R., L.D.S.	Blake, Miles.
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REPORTED.

Burnyeat, J. P.	Hill S. C.
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REPORTED.—FOUR.



MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 11.**DONALD, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Pitts, J. Carlton.....	Worshipful Master	McGinnis, James A.....	Senior Deacon
Maclean, Donald H.....	Senior Warden	Hopgood, John.....	Junior Deacon
Mathie, James.....	Junior Warden	Mack, James.....	Steward
Newman, William.....	Treasurer	Sterritt, Josiah H.....	Steward
Macanlay, Charles H.....	Secretary	Patmore, Richard W.....	Inner Guard
Redgrave, Stephen.....	Dir. of Cer.	McLeod, John.....	Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Clarke, Sibree	Hamilton, John	Spragge, A. G. M.
(Hon. Member)	Downie, Thos.	Belmont, B.
Cameron, Rev. A. H.	Ruttan, W. S.	

MASTER MASONS.

Blythe, T. A.	Graham, G. W.	Russell, E.
Bourne, H. J.	Hobbs, J. E.	Reid, A.
Brownrigg, C. J.	Jamieson, D.	Starke, G. A.
Bell, Campbell W.	King, L.	Summerby, T. G.
Denman, A. W.	Lendrum, T. J.	Sargent, W. H.
Dover, Jacob	Mannell, G. E.	Van Antwerp, W. F.
Erickson, G.	Marpole, R.	Wall, John B.
Forbes, A. F.	McArthur, A. E.	Wall, W. H.
Griffith, J. E.	Rae, T. M.	Wright, James
Gilbranson, M. S.	Robinson, F.	

DENITTED.

Mellswaine, A.

FELLOW CHAPT MASONS.

McLean, Angus	Elson, W. H.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Marsh, A. S.

REJECTED.

For Degrees—Three.



CASCADE LODGE, No. 12.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

McLaren, E. D.....	Worshipful Master	Tisdall, C. E.....	Senior Deacon
Morrow, G. L.....	Senior Warden	McCreery, J.....	Junior Deacon
Black, A. W.....	Junior Warden	Rathgehor, F.....	Steward
Macgowan, A. H. B.....	Treasurer	Prenter, S. L.....	Steward
Watson, H. H.....	Secretary	Gatewood, C. H.....	Inner Guard
Sillitoe, A. W.....	Hon. Chaplain	Hoaker, E.....	Tyler
Nicollson, M.....	Dir. of Cer.		

PAST MASTERS.

Boulton, John	Horne, J. W.	Macgowan, A. H. B.
Cope, Fred.	Johnson, L. R.	Perry, C. Z.
Downie, Wm.	Miller, W. O.	Reid, G. L.
Foster, J. R.	Miller, Joseph E.	Turner, John

MASTER MASONS.

Alexander, R. H.	Dragolovich, Chris.	Mathison, D. A.
Apenes, R. A.	Forrest, A. B.	Moore, F. G.
Atkinson, Johnathan	Fuller, Geo. W.	McKay, Robert
Arkell, Henry	Ferguson, R. C.	McIntosh, W. D.
Barrett, Thos. E.	Ford, J. A.	McNab, Allen
Blackmore, Wm.	Garden, Wm.	McGillivray, Dan.
Brown, Geo.	Gander, J. T.	McKerracher, J. F.
Brocklesby, H. A.	Graves, A. M.	McFarland, J. W.
Brydon-Jack, W. D.	Gray, T. C.	McDonald, D. L.
Buxton, S. H.	Grant, Robt.	Oppenheimer, D.
Buxton, J. M.	Grant, Peter A.	Piumm, Wm.
Bowell, J. M.	Green, Horace	Pace, W. J.
Buscombe, F.	Greer, W.	Righter, P.
Charleson, D. B.	Garden, G. F.	Sterling, David.
Creighton, W. D.	Hirschberg, M. H.	Strutt, Chas.
Choate, E.	Hoaker, E. J.	Smith, Neville
Cannon, H. E.	Henderson, Stanley	Sprague, W. T.
Crease, E. A.	Hopkirk, Henry	Tiffin, J. B.
Carroll, J. T.	Johnston, C. Gardiner	Turner, H. B.
Camble, H. J.	Loutit, J. J.	White, Jas.
Collins, Hy.	Leask, John	Watts, Wm.
Clouston, Thos.	Leonard, W. L.	Watson, J. H.
Crowden, J. S.	Little, Jas.	Wilson, James
Craig, Wm.	Lough, Wm.	Williams, James
Davidson, C. N.	Morton, David	Yarker, J. T. C.
Doig, James	Morrison, J. W.	

DEMITTED.

Brown, D. E.	Cartmel, D.
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FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Beckingsale, D. L.	Cole, Moses F.	Timberlake, F. S.
Beattie, A. M.	Mershon, L. H.	

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Callander, J. M.	Klevinberg, E. C.	Winch, R. V.
Draper, A. W.	Lobbey, J. H. V.	

SPALLUMCHEEN LODGE, No. 13.

SPALLUMCHEEN, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Saturday on or before Full Moon, at Masonic Hall, Lansdowne.

OFFICERS.

Hamill, John	Worshipful Master	Costerton, C. F.	Senior Deacon
Pelly, R. S.	Senior Warden	Van Buskirk, H., P.M.	Junior Deacon
Kenny, N. H.	Junior Warden	Powell, John.	Inner Guard
Wood, Robert	Treasurer	Hassard, F.	Tyler
Wright, J. M.	Secretary		

PAST MASTERS.

Cooper, Rev. Canon, (Hon. Member)	Goldamid, A. P.	McLeod N.
Clarke, Sibree, (Hon. Member)	Lq Duc, T.	Rashdall, G. H.

MASTER MASONS.

Barnes, Fred.	Hall, Wm.	Perry, C. E.
Brown, J. D.	Lawe, J.	Postill, Wm.
Fenton, W. J.	Lumbly, C. R.	Tilton, C. C.
Fletcher, T. W.	McDonald, A.	

MASTER MASONS DECEASED.

McDonald, D. J.

SUSPENDED.

Goldamid, A. P.	Leduc, T.
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HIRAM LODGE, No. 14.

COMOX, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Saturday on or before the full of the Moon.

OFFICERS.

Grant, Alex.....	Worshipful Master	Holmes, Joseph B.....	Senior Deacon
Mathieson, William A.....	Senior Warden	Cook, Fred. L.....	Junior Deacon
Grant, Robt.....	Junior Warden	Moore Chas. J.....	Steward
Howe, Geo.....	Treasurer	Sargent, Jonah.....	Steward
Young, Wm. J., P.M.....	Secretary	Cairns, Thos.....	Inner Guard
Fraser, Alexander.....	Chaplain	Piercy, John.....	Tyler
Mitchell, Wm.....	Dir. of Cer.		

PAST MASTERS

Clinton, George W.

MASTER MASONS.

Beckensell, Tom.	McGregor, Henry	Read, G. H.
Cliffe, Samuel J.	McKim, James	Sargent, Stephen
Cowie, Alex.	Mitchell, Wm.	Stewart, Hugh
Graham, Robt.	Muschamp, Emerson	Whyte, James
McConnell, R. S.	Roseborough, Thomas	

DEMITTED.

Puets, John

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Grant, Kenneth

Berkeley, John B.

REJECTED.

For Degrees—Three.

KOOTENAY LODGE, No. 15.

REVELSTOKE, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each Month.

OFFICERS.

Howson, Robt	Worshipful Master	David Morgan	Secretary
Bourne, Henry J	Senior Warden	Temple, Chas. Hy	Senior Deacon
Fraser, Fred	Junior Warden	Paul, Alexander	Inner Guard
Robinson, Dan	Treasurer	Donnelly, Hamilton	Tyler

MASTER MASONS.

Creelman, Herbert	Kirkup, John	Randall, Arthur
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DEMITTED.

Hamilton, John	Roeser, Fred.	Teetsel, Wm. F.
Jowett, Wm. A.	Christie, F. J.	Cradford, F. F.
Lendrum, Thos. J.		

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Crage, Wm. N.	Leo, Wm. John
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REJECTED.

For Degrees.—Three.

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 16.**MISSION CITY, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the Wednesday on or before Full Moon, in each month.

OFFICERS.

Shook, M. F.....	Worshipful Master	Nichols, T. H.....	Senior Deacon
York, A.....	Senior Warden	Wellington, C. F.....	Junior Deacon
Lazenby, F. F.....	Junior Warden	McTaggart, Geo.....	Steward
McKay, D.....	Treasurer	Ritchie, Robt.....	Steward
Scholtied, J. H.....	Secretary	Tretheway, A.....	Inner Guard
Barker, John.....	Dir. of Cer.	Stapley, Tobias.....	Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Dunn, W. R.

MASTER MASONS.

Davis, E.	Downes, J. L. C.	Bain, Alex.
McGillivray, Wm.	Bond, E. J.	Stewart, Geo.
McIntosh, A. W.	Gourlay, J.	Choate, Jas. Z.
Boyd, John	Gourlay, R.	Stewart, Thos.
South, F. B.	Parris, Edw.	Jones, E. T.
Long, R. J.	Hogg, Wm.	Baies, James
Munro, Alex.		

DEMITTED.

Cade, John B.

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Fee, Wesley G.	Munroe, Frank	Curtis, George
Laughlin, Wm. John		

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

South, S. G.	Smith, Samuel	Fraser, John
Pratt, F. W.		

REJECTED.

For Degrees.—Two.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 17.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

McAskill, Malcolm... Worshipful Master	Forrester, J. J. (not a member).....Tyler
Cunningham, George.....Senior Warden	Howay, F. W.....Senior Deacon
Shirley, Joseph H.....Junior Warden	Lewis, L. A.....Junior Deacon
Marshall, Benj.....Treasurer	Brown, Bliss B.....Steward
Ballentyne, Jas. B.....Secretary	Sampson, Theo.....Steward
Scouler, Rev. Thos.....Chaplain	Nelson, Nels.....Inner Guard
Peebles, Peter.....Dir. of Cer.	

PAST MASTERS.

Fraser, Alex. M	Manson, Wm.	Buie, John
	Hon. Member.	Hon. Member.

MASTER MASONS.

Boggs, G. W., M.D.	Kirk, H. T.	MacLean, J. M. M.D.
Burkitt, Joseph	Leamy, Andrew	McLennan, M. D.
Ferguson, A. H	Leamy, James	Technor, H. C.
Gifford, Thos.	Lundy, Geo. T.	Vanstone, W. E.
Hodge, Geo. C.		

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Foulds, Peter J.

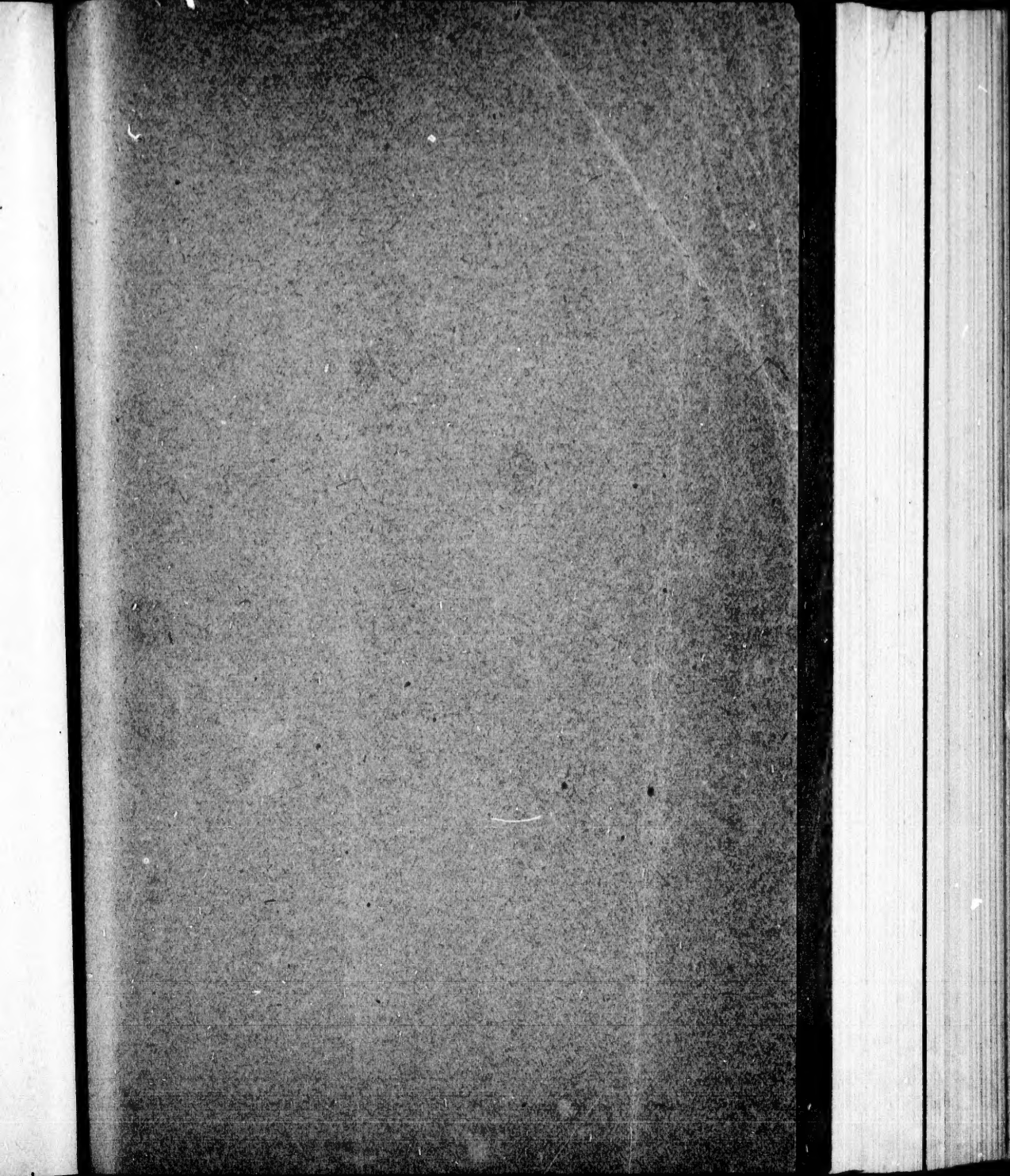
ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Faulding, Wm. Henry	Strople, Norton, S.	Creighton, James W.
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REJECTED.

For Degrees.—Four.





Address of Grand Officers



M. W. SIBREE CLARKE, Grand Master

KAMLOOPS, B. C.



V. W. W. J. QUINLAN, Grand Secretary

VICTORIA, B. C.



M. W. MARCUS WOLFE, Com. on Foreign Cor.

NANAIMO, B. C.



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